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CHAP. I.

My setting out for Chester in the Stage Coach. Some Account of the Company. How I was frighten'd at the Inn.

BEFORE I went into the Coach for Chester, I wrote the following Letter to Captair. Pike.

S I R,

BEFORE I leave the Land, I think it incumbent on me to acknowledge the many Obligations I have had to you,

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which

which I do with a sincere and grateful Heart ; and as this is all the Return in my Power to make for past Favours, I hope you will be satisfied with it ; I wou'd have wrote to you sooner to clear the Suspensions you have had of my Honour, but that I thought as you are acquainted with my Circumstances, it wou'd look as if I wanted to initiate myself into farther Obligations, and therefore I thought proper to delay it 'till I am out of reach, for before you read this, I shall have got good part of my Way to Chester, from whence I shall take shipping for Ireland ; and now I take the Liberty to protest, upon my Word and Honour, that I am intirely innocent of any Injury done you ; and that the Woman only was blameable, for had I known she had any Engagement to you, so far from wronging you, I wou'd have been the first to discover it to you. As I am too far off to receive any Favours from you, I hope you will do me one Justice, which is to believe this,

From yours, &c.

WHEN I had seal'd it, I gave it to a Porter, with Orders not to carry it 'till the next Day ; I then went with the rest of the Company into our heavy Vehicle.
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There were five besides myself, a Parson, a Lawyer, an *Irish* Nurse, a young Woman who was under her Care, and an Officer upon the *Irish* Establishment. When we set out we were all pretty drowsy, and I don't believe there were ten Words spoke for the first ten Miles ; but as the Day grew old, the Company grew merry ; the Officer first broke Silence, and told us a hundred Stories of Battles, Sieges, Duels, and some Amours, in every one of which he made himself the Hero, and bluster'd so, that not a Soul but the poor *Irish* Woman durst speak a Word for near two Hours ; she, indeed, match'd him pretty well, for she abus'd the whole Army, and said, she hop'd to live to see 'em all hang'd. Her Indignation was owing I found to some ill Usage her Husband had receiv'd from his superior Officer ; but her Invectives incens'd the Captain so much, that I expected every Minute when he wou'd have challeng'd her.

WHEN the good Woman had silenc'd this Blunderbluss, the Parson, who had set despising 'em both all the while they were disputing, began to advance a serious Argument ; he set out with asking me, if I cou'd tell why one Man was more foolish than another ; but before I

cou'd answer, he said he believ'd it was owing to the want of Education, and yet, reply'd he (to himself) it can't be that, for then the greater part of the Military World would be Idiots, and I know several of them very ingenious Men. Thus did he argue *pro* and *con* upwards of an Hour, without suffering any one of the Company to answer him to one Question; and when he had talk'd himself almost hoarse, seem'd very well pleas'd with the Instructions he had given the Company.

THE Lawyer, who had not yet spoke, now came into play, and immediately let fly half a dozen Puns, every one attended with its proper Laugh from the same Person; but the rest of the Company receiv'd very little Pleasure from 'em; the Officer had not Capacity to conceive 'em; the Parson was too wise to take notice of 'em, and I was so sleepy that I scarce heard 'em. Besides, long Practice in the Law had made him so unintelligent that I scarce understood what he said; indeed he had one Honour which none of the Gentlemen had obtain'd, which was a Simper from the Lady.

THE whole Day was wasted in this sort of Conversation, which I think too trifling to take any farther notice of: nor did I find any better Entertainment the Day following; however, I can't help relating an Accident which surpriz'd me very much, it happen'd at the Inn where we lay the second Night.

BEING very weary of my Journey, I was no sooner in Bed than asleep, but before I had snor'd away the first two Hours, I was waken'd by a Light's coming into my Chamber: this sudden Disturbance, being half asleep, surpriz'd me very much, and for some time I had not Courage enough to see what it was; but perceiving it drew nearer the Bed, I pluck'd up Resolution enough to peep thro' the Curtains, when the first Object I beheld was something like a Woman, all in White, with a Candle in her Hand, and walking softly a tip-toe toward the Bed; this frighten'd me so much that I immediately shrunk under the Cloaths for shelter, and began to say my Prayers as fast as I cou'd, when presently the Candle was blown out, and the Apparition came to Bed: I demanded in God's Name to tell me who she was, when I heard a soft Voice reply, 'tis I, *Betty*, whom you de-

fir'd to come to Bed to you. This gave
 me some Comfort, I began to recollect
 that as the Maid was warming my Bed,
 I kiss'd her, and ask'd her if she wou'd
 give me her Company to-night ; which it
 seems she took in earnest, tho' I was but
 in jest, and came to keep her Word with
 me. This allay'd my Fears, and I was
 not a little pleas'd with the Lady's Ci-
 vility ; but before I was enough reco-
 ver'd to peruse her Charms, or taste any
 of the Pleasures she had brought me, I
 was again alarm'd by another Light com-
 ing into the Room, and looking to see
 the Cause, perceiv'd the same Figure with
 a Candle, and walking with the same
 Caution as the first ; this startled me
 prodigiously, for tho' I had ask'd one
 Woman, I was too well acquainted
 with my Abilities to appoint two ; how-
 ever, she seem'd to come with the
 same Assurance as the other directly to
 my Bed's side. As I had got a Com-
 panion I resolv'd to pretend Sleep, and
 see what it wou'd come to : she came and
 open'd the Curtains, which as she was
 doing, I felt *Betty* slide away towards the
 Feet, which she quickly reach'd, and left
 me by myself. The Sprite drew the
 Curtains and left the Room without mak-
 ing any Noise ; she was no sooner gone
 but

but I jump'd out of Bed, to search for *Betty*, but she was fled, and in so strange a manner that I began to think 'em both Devils, and a cold Sweat chill'd all my Limbs; while I was in this Condition wanting to be gone, yet fearful to remove, I heard a great Bustle upon the Stairs, attended by a Volley of ill Words, as Whore, impudent Jade, and the like. I made bold to draw near and listen to the whole Discourse, by which I found that the Mistress had heard the Maid get up, and had follow'd her into my Chamber, but *Betty* being aware of her, had slip't out at the Feet of the Bed; and so escap'd her Fury, had not she unhappily met her upon the Stairs. This clear'd the Mystery, and I went contentedly to Bed, without any further Apprehensions of Ghosts or Devils.

THE next Day, the impertinent part of the Company began to enquire of the rest, what were their different Busineses at *Chester*; for my own part, to stop their Mouths, I told 'em that I was only going to see a Relation that lay very ill; but when the Captain was ask'd, he boldly told the whole reason of his Journey; I am (said he) going to *Ireland* to fight a Duel, and tho' I shall be broke for leav-

ing my Command in *England*, I must pursue my Enemy, since I can neither sleep, eat, or taste any Comfort 'till I am reveng'd. This made us very inquisitive to know the Injuries had been done him ; which the Man of War told us in the following Words :

You must know, Sir, that about four Years ago I married a young Lady, Daughter to a Brother Officer in *London* ; our Honey-Moon was but short, for she was follow'd by such a Train of Female Acquaintance, that I cou'd never smoke my Pipe at Peace in my own House ; besides, she was of so nice a Disposition, she wou'd never suffer me to enter the Dining-Room in dirty Shoes. Our different Tempers were the cause of a great deal of Uneasiness, and we seldom met without quarrelling, which in a little Time came to Blows, and tho' it is below the Honour of a Soldier to strike a Woman yet her Insolence was so great, that I cou'd not avoid drubbing her very handsomely ; but this having no Effect upon her, I resolv'd to mortify her another way, so I took a Whore and kept her next Door, and set People to tell her of it, but she turn'd it off with a Laugh, and said she was glad she was rid of me,

me, and never took any farther notice of it.

THIS Neglect shewn to what I thought wou'd mortify, so rouz'd my Resentment, that I sent for my Whore into my own House, and told my Wife who she was; but she, so far from being disturb'd, saluted her with all the Marks of Friendship, and entertain'd her as her Bosom Friend. She continu'd this Behaviour upwards of a Fortnight, when she fell acquainted with a dirty scoundrel Lawyer. (Here our young Attorney took the Captain up, and desir'd he wou'd forbear treating the Gentlemen of the Law in that rude manner, since they were of more use to the Nation than all the Military Men in it. The Captain vindicated his Profession, by telling him what Honour attended it, and how the World respected Men of the Sword. The Lawyer laugh'd at this, and told him, the Law was more fear'd than the Army, had taken more Prisoners than ever *Alexander* had, and as for your Honour (said he) there's Cunning enough in the Law to make you all Fools. At last the Argument grew so high that I was afraid it wou'd turn to a Quarrel, so I was oblig'd to pacify 'em, and tell them that they were

both very expert in Ruin, and desir'd they wou'd drop the Dispute 'till some other Time, which made 'em both easy, and the Captain went on with his Story.) This Lawyer, as I was saying, got so far into my Wife's Heart, that in a short time afterwards she ran away with him, and I heard nothing of her 'till within these two Months, when meeting a Friend just come from his Travels, he told me he saw her in *Ireland*, which has so incens'd me that I am resolv'd to go and fight her rascally Gallant.

C H A P. II.

The Misfortune that befel us upon the Road. The Highwaymen's Gallantry. The Captain falls in Love, and the ill Success he met with.

WHEN the Hero had ended his Story, the Lawyer began to defend his Brother with all the Rhetorick he was Master of, which made the other go off like a Cracker, and discharge a thousand Oaths before his Antagonist cou'd utter one Joke. The old Woman seeing the

the Lawyer overcome, took up the Cudgels, and play'd a pretty good Bout with him ; but the Captain having more Voice, soon drowned her Arguments with Noise ; when the young Lady stept in and begg'd a Truce, which the Man of Honour immediately granted.

Nothing particular happen'd the remaining part of this Day, and so I will go to the next. We had not been set out above two Hours before the Coach was stopt by Highwaymen, who immediately came to the Door, and demanded our Money: the Lawyer was a little resty, and the Parson not very willing to comply ; as for my own Part, I had so little in my Pocket (for I had sew'd up what Money I had in the Pleats of my Coat) that it was not worth making any Resistance for ; but I cou'd not help laughing to hear the Captain, who had been bragging ever since we set out of his Bravery, and his going so far to revenge his Honour, roar out, for Heaven's sake, Gentlemen, give your Money, or we shall be all murder'd ; and with all the Fear and Horror possible to be express'd, begg'd of the Rogues to take the Pistol out of the Coach ; which gave 'em a very poor Opinion of the Captain's Courage, and had it not been for the

the Desire of the Company, they wou'd have shot him for a Coward.

HERE was a pretty Instance of the Power of Beauty ; when they had robb'd the old Woman, she made the most hideous Cries, and begg'd they wou'd return her Money, or she was ruin'd, which made the cruel Villains laugh heartily ; but when one of them came to the young Lady, who had got all her Money ready, he was so struck with her Charms, that he wou'd not touch a Farthing of it, but told her, that if all the Women he attempted to rob were as fair as she, he shou'd be starv'd ; so wish'd her a good Journey and rode off.

HE was no sooner gone but the whole Discourse of the Company turn'd upon the Accident, and every one gave his Opinion, as he was more or less injur'd. The Captain, who had lost his Reputation as well as his Money, swore he wou'd find 'em out tho' it cost him a thousand Pounds. The Parson was more moderate in his Resentments, and said 'twas pity the Roads were not clear'd of such Vermin ; the Lawyer hugg'd himself, and said he wou'd sue the County, and the old Woman desir'd he wou'd
put

put her in his Action; as for the young Lady she seem'd to excuse 'em, and begg'd they wou'd not endeavour to hurt 'em, because they were Civil.

THIS Misfortune dash'd the Mirth of the Company for the whole Day, the disgrac'd Captain forgot to bully, the Lawyer to pun, the Parson to reason, and the old Woman to chatter, tho' the young Lady was in better Spirits, than I had seen her all the foregoing part of our Journey.

WHEN we came to our Inn at Night, the Captain, who had drank pretty hard all the Day, in order to forget his Misfortunes, began to be very fond of the Cook Maid, and proceeding to take some Liberties, contrary to the Rules of Decency, so enrag'd the injur'd Virgin, that she return'd his Passion with a Kettle of scalding Dish-water, which made the Captain lay about him without Mercy; Murder being cry'd, an Officer soon appear'd and took the red Coat into Custody, who was forc'd to sell his Watch for Money to make up the Affair, so unhappy was this blustering Hero both in Love and War.

THE

THE next Evening we arriv'd at *Chester*, where, after the usual Ceremony, the Company separated to their several Friends, and left me to seek some new Companions ; I was very well pleas'd with their Absence, for I was never more heartily tir'd in my Life than with their Nonsense.

HAVING rested myself a little, I order'd something for my Supper, and then withdrew to take some Money out of the Pleats of my Coat ; which being done, I enquir'd if there was any Company in the House besides myself ; when the Landlady inform'd me, there was only a young Lady just come from *Spain*, who waited there for some Friends, and who had desir'd to be private ; this Caution alarm'd my Curiosity, and I desir'd my Hostess to inform her that as I was alone I shou'd take it as a particular Favour, if she wou'd do me the Honour of her Company at Supper ; she accepted of the Invitation, and kindly promis'd to wait on me.

WHEN she came into the Room her Beauty so astonish'd me, that I had not Power to pay the usual Civilities due to her Sex ; she took her Place without much

much Ceremony, and as conscious of her own Charms, oft blush'd at my Surprise. At the same time my Eyes were fix'd upon her, I wish'd I had not seen her, for never 'till this Moment did I ever feel such agonizing Pleasure! scarce had I satisfy'd my Eyes but her sweet Voice alarm'd my other Senses, and my Heart danc'd to the soft Music of her Words. The Harmony that attended her Discourse, made me mention Music, and by her Conversation I found she understood the lulling Art; impatient to be quite undone I begg'd the favour of a Song, which she granted without Hesitation: but Oh! the enchanting Sound! that might make the silver Current stop to listen, loose the Tortur'd from the Links of Pain, and hush up universal Care.

THE Song being ended, after a short Conversation we parted to repose; but alas! I scarce clos'd my Eyes all Night, or if I did 'twas but to make me more unhappy; for in my Dreams I saw her blooming to my Sight, and the next Minute was shock'd with going on board and leaving her behind.

Soon as I rose, my first Care was to enquire after her, and my next to see whether

ther the fatal Time was come to leave her ; when the Captain of the Vessel told me that the Wind was contrary and very high, and therefore resolv'd not to put to Sea 'till the Day following. This a little rejoyc'd me, since it gave me one Day more to gaze upon this matchless Creature.

TALKING together in the Afternoon something about Love, I observ'd two or three envious Tears, stole from her clouded Eyes, and robb'd me of their Sunshine: not being able to guess at the Reason, I took the liberty to enquire.

ALAS ! said she, if you knew the Story of my Misfortunes, you wou'd think me more unhappy than all my Sex beside. I begg'd to know what barbarous Hand cou'd wound the Bosom of a Form so fair ; when she with heaving Sighs and watry Eyes, gave me the following Account.

CHAP.

C H A P. III.

History of LEONORA.

MY Father's Name is *Ferdinand*, a Man of as much Candor, Honour and Reputation, as any in all *Spain*; my Mother is call'd *Melinda* possess'd of every opposite to my Father's Virtues: this Woman's Temper and deprav'd Appetites (spite of all the Gifts of Fortune) make my Father miserable, but fall much heavier on me his wretched Daughter.

My Father's Wealth and Reputation early brought me a numerous Train of Suitors, among which was one Don *Frederick*, a Man who from all the rest gain'd my Affections; his Stature, Mien, and pleasing Discourse, so engag'd my Heart, that I resolv'd never to marry any but himself. When we had discover'd our mutual Sentiments, it was not long before he ask'd my Father's Consent, who having more regard for Wealth than my real Happiness, deny'd to give it; but at length the Gentleman's Merit, and my Solli-

Sollicitations wrought upon him to join our Hands ; but begg'd the Ceremony might be deferr'd 'till his Brother, who was then in *England*, cou'd come and partake of our Joy.

THIS Promise of my Father's gave us all the Satisfaction we cou'd desire ; and to compleat my Happiness, my Mother seem'd very well pleas'd with my Choice ; which was a Wonder, for she generally oppos'd whatever *Ferdinand* approved of.

OUR Passion, blest'd with the Consent of Parents, grew stronger every time we met, and every Minute my Uncle was expected, seem'd an Age, both to my Lover and myself.

AFTER living upwards of two Months in tedious Hope, a Letter came from *England*, signifying the Death of my Uncle ; this Accident affected my Father greatly, and plung'd the whole Family in Grief ; but I was the most sensible Sharer in it, since it deferr'd my long expected Happiness.

WHEN proper Rites were paid to my Uncle's Memory, and Time had a little effac'd the Sorrow of the Family, I ventur'd

tur'd to remind *Ferdinand* of his Promise : but how was I shock'd and surpriz'd at his Answer ! he told me, that he had enquir'd into the Character of the Man, I had chose for my Husband, and found it very different from what he thought, telling me at the same time, not to think any more of him, since he had provided another for me, superior in Parts, Person and Estate, and concluded with an absolute Command to obey his Pleasure, threatening to turn me out of Doors, expos'd to all the Miseries that attend on Poverty if I refus'd : This Sentence, (tho' hard) I could have embrac'd with Joy, rather than been torn from him I lov'd, and offer'd to leave the House immediately ; which so incens'd my Father, that he order'd me to be lock'd up in my Chamber, and set a Duenna, whose Name was *Callis*, to wait on me, and observe my Actions ; as to *Frederick*, he was forbid the House, without having any reason given him for such Treatment.

You may easily imagine the Grief this Separation occasion'd on both Sides, it being impossible for us to guess the meaning of so sudden an Alteration.

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THO' *Frederick* suffer'd all the Pains a constant Heart endures when sever'd from the Object lov'd, yet I, besides those Pangs, was all Day persecuted with the Ill-nature and Impertinence of the malicious *Callis*, whose Discourse was more disagreeable than Confinement to a roving Inclination. I try'd to bribe her to my Service, and offer'd her a large Jewel to procure me Pen, Ink and Paper: but having more Pleasure in tormenting than relieving the Distress'd, she was true to her Trust and refus'd all I proffer'd; but Fortune soon after press'd her to my Service when I least expected it.

My Lodging, or my Prison rather, overlook'd the Garden, which I was scarce allow'd the Liberty of viewing; but my Duenna, whose Chamber was next, and had a Door into mine, diverted herself very much, and made a pleasant Use of this back Apartment, which I discover'd in the following manner.

ONE Night when I was laid in Bed, tho' not at Rest, and old *Argus* had secur'd the Doors, she retir'd into her own Chamber, to go, as I thought, to Bed; but, it seems, she had other Business to transact;

transact ; for as I lay bewailing my Misfortunes, I heard a Man's Voice cry, *Are you ready* ; at which she open'd the Window, and bid him speak lower : this seem'd to carry the face of an Intrigue ; Curiosity soon got the better of me, and I rose, put on my Gown, and went softly towards her Door, but cou'd hear no Noise, and tho' I look'd thro' a large Crack, I cou'd not discern any Body in the Room ; at last I e'en open'd the Door and went in, where I found a Candle burning, the Window open, but *Callis* was gone. I look'd out and saw a Ladder rear'd against the Sash, which convinc'd me which way she went. I was now at a Loss what to do, whether I shou'd raise the House and expose my Jaylor, or follow her Steps, and get out of her Power. At last I determin'd to do neither, but took the Ladder into the Window, by which means I might oblige her to be my Friend, in order to conceal her own Wantonness.

WHEN I had done this, I sat myself down to wait for her Ladyship's coming : after about three Hours Attendance, I heard the Noise of more than one Person walking upon the Gravel, and talking very loud and hasty ; as they drew nearer, I found it was *Sancho*, the Gardener, and
Callis

Callis quarrelling, Jealousy was the Cause, and she seem'd in great Affliction. When they came under the Window and miss'd the Ladder, *Sancho* express'd the greatest Surprize, and swore somebody had observ'd 'em, and had taken the Ladder away ; but the Lady imputed it to another Cause, and said he had conceal'd it, with an Intent to expose her Weakness, and prevent her getting into her Lodging again ; and tho' *Sancho* protested his Innocence, and confirm'd it with all the Oaths he cou'd muster up, she persisted in her Opinion, and fell into such an Agony of Grief and Rage, that I thought she wou'd have expir'd on the Spot.

THE Gardener, finding all his Arguments in vain, retir'd and left her to bewail her Misfortunes by herself. When I thought he had got out of Ear-shot, I look'd out of the Window, and ask'd who was there ; at hearing my Voice she stopt her bellowing, and wou'd have got off without answering, which by the Light of the Moon I cou'd perceive ; *Callis*, said I, don't think of flying, for I have discover'd you, and tho' you shou'd go back to *Sancho*, I shall send some of the Family to fetch you again.

THIS

THIS Discourse convinc'd her that I knew all the Secret, and the Apprehensions of alarming the House, so terrify'd her, that she fell down of her Knees, and begg'd I wou'd not expose her, promising at the same time to do any thing I wou'd have her. This was all I wanted, so I put down the Ladder, and let her get into the Chamber without any farther Disturbance.

WHEN she had got safe in, the poor Creature was ready to faint beneath the Weight of Joy, and I had much ado to keep Life within her; when she had a little recover'd herself, she again promis'd to assist me to the utmost of her Power; I assur'd her if she kept her Word I never wou'd mention what I knew of her: thus did I turn the Scale, and make my Jaylor my Confident, which was of no small Consequence to me. After I had thrown the Ladder from the Window we both went to Bed very well satisfy'd.

THE Joy this Accident gave me, the next Morning dash'd to pieces, for as soon as I had left my Bed, my Father came into my Chamber, and spoke in the following manner: " Your Disobedience has
" put

“ put you under the Confinement you
 “ now are, and were I severe as Justice
 “ wou’d have me, you shou’d remain
 “ much longer in your Prison ; but up-
 “ on one Condition I release you, which
 “ is that you immediately consent to
 “ marry the Man I have provided for
 “ you, it is Don *Pedro Manuel*, one whom
 “ Fortune and Nature have qualify’d fit
 “ for your Rank and Person. ”

I TOLD him it was not in my Power to
 comply, having plighted my Vows to *Frede-
 rick*, and at the same time begg’d him to
 let me know the Reasons that made him so
 averse to what he once promoted ; he
 made me no Answer, but told me he
 wou’d give me two Days to consider of
 what he had propos’d, and so left me
 without any further Conference.

THIS unexpected turn banish’d all
 Comfort from my Breast ; nor could I see
 the least Glimpse of Hope to raise me
 from my Sorrow ; at length I resolv’d to
 make use of my new Friend and send a
 Letter to *Frederick*, with an Account of
 all my Troubles : When I had done I
 gave it to *Callis* to deliver, which she pro-
 mis’d to do the same Day.

THE sending of this Letter unravell'd a Mystery to me, which I had hitherto in vain tried to discover, namely my Father's Reasons for opposing my Marriage with *Frederick*.

THE trusty *Callis*, searching for *Frederick* met a Domestick of my Mother's, and being naturally inquisitive, ask'd him where he was going, the young Man, wanting the Policy necessary for Intrigues, freely told her he was sent to seek for *Don Frederick*, in order to give him a Letter from his Mistress; but said he I have a Girl to meet about this Time, and I wish I could find some body to do my Errand: *Callis*, who did not want for Cunning, offer'd to deliver the Letter for him, and give him an Opportunity to follow his own Amour. The heedless Youth, overjoy'd at her Kindness, immediately put his Business into her Hands, and made use of the Time for his own Pleasure.

CALLIS, imagining this Letter might let me into something I was a Stranger to, put it into her Pocket, and delivered mine, without taking any Notice of my Mother's. When she returned she brought me an Answer from *Frederick* full of tender Expressions of Love and Constancy, beg'd I would

persevere, and promis'd in a few Days to find some Method to relieve me from my Bondage; which I had no sooner read, but she gave me the other, and told me by what Means she got it; impatient to read it, I broke it open immediately, but little thought to find the Contents such as they were, being as follows.

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THE Injury I have done you, in preventing the Marriage between you and my Daughter, must make me appear very despicable, had I not substantial Reasons to justify my Conduct; the first is, her disagreeable Temper, which would make you for ever miserable; the next is, the tender Love, I have long born you, I must confess my Passion is so great, that I cou'd not consent to give you to another, but perswaded my Husband to revoke his Promise, which leaves you intirely free to satisfy my Wishes: To which End, I desire you will come this Evening to the Back-Door of the Garden, where I will be ready to let you in, and welcome you to the Arms of your distrest —

P. S. Don't exceed 9 o'Clock, nor speak a Word, lest we be discover'd.

I had no sooner read this Scrole, but my Blood ran cold, and I was almost petrified with

with Wonder; notwithstanding she was my Mother I was resolved to expose her, and lay her Infamy before my Father; but *Callis* oppos'd my Scheme, and found the Means to satisfy her foul Desires, yet disappoint her in the Person.

SINCE *Callis* had become my Friend, the Gardener and she had made up the late Quarrel, and were as intimate as ever; *Callis* therefore appointed *Sancho* to meet her at the same Time and Place, as my Mother expected to meet her Gallant, and with the same Caution of not speaking; accordingly to take off Suspicion he went out in the Evening, but first gave *Callis* his Key of the Back-Door, in order to admit him at the appointed Hour.

CALLIS having a Mind to see the meeting Lovers, hid herself behind an adjacent Arbour; *Sancho* was punctual to his Time, and my Mother was no less diligent; he gave a little Tap at the Door, at which Signal she let him in, and they retired in the dark to a Grove not far from where *Callis* stood, where tho' she could not see, she heard, and was pretty well satisfied the Lady was not displeased.

IN about half an Hour, she conducted him out with the same Caution, that she had brought him in, and then retir'd to her Chamber, while *Callis* came and gave me the Account.

PERHAPS you may blame me, (said *Leonora*) for prostituting my own Mother to the vile Desires of her Servant ; but you will easily excuse what I did when you consider her barbarous Treatment of me. Besides, now she had taken possession of *Frederick*, (as she thought) she was no longer apprehensive of me, for her Vanity made her believe that she had secur'd him for ever ; so that I was no longer kept a Prisoner, but had the free Liberty of the House to range in.

I no sooner saw my Father, but he ask'd me what was my Resolution, and whether I would comply with the Proposal he had made to me ; as I knew what wou'd be the Consequence if I refus'd, I was forc'd to feign a Compliance, and give such Answers, as might make him believe I was not averse to *Manuel*. This pleas'd the good *Ferdinand* extreamly, for he was never more delighted, than when he saw me at ease, nor wou'd he ever have oblig'd me to any thing contrary to my Inclinations.

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had it not been for that cursed Temper of my Mother, who had got so much the Ascendant over him, that he had no Will of his own.

THE Afternoon brought *Manuel* to me, whose Person and Deportment might have appear'd agreeable to any one, whose Heart was not so deeply engag'd as mine; but to me his Eloquence was Nonsense and and his Person hideous! however, I was forc'd to conceal my Dislike, and give him Hopes of Success.

THIS State of Hypocrisy suited very ill with my Temper which had always aim'd at a bold Openness and honest Daring! Nor cou'd I long dissemble, since the Day was already talk'd of for the Wedding; I crack'd my Brain to find Excuses to delay it, but all in vain: at last I resolv'd to send *Frederick* an Account of my Condition, which I did, begging him to find some means to rescue me from the approaching Danger, concluding that if he did not, he must give me up for ever. *Callis* carry'd it, and brought me an Answer to this Purpose. That since it was impossible to make my Father just to his Promise, he would lay by Intreaty and begin by Force, and wou'd take the first

towards *Manuel*, since he was the main Obstacle to his Happiness. But, continued he, as the Success of Violence is ever doubtfull, I had rather, if you approve of it, secure my Love by Stratagem, and carry you far beyond your Father's or your Lover's reach ; to do which there needs no more than your going this Night into the Garden, and walk towards the Back-Door, where I will stand ready to receive you, and bear you safe to Happiness.

You may be sure I chose the latter Part of his Proposal, and sent him Word, as he desir'd, what I resolv'd on.

CALLIS, whose Diligence deserv'd Reward, seem'd very unwilling to stay behind me, and lose the Profits of her Labour ; for she, no doubt, expected more than Thanks for what she had done ; besides, she dreaded my Father's Anger, which wou'd infallibly fall upon her, since he had put me under her Care. This made the poor Woman desire to bear me Company, which I very willingly agreed to ; so we pack'd up a few Necessaries, and were ready at the Time appointed.

FEAR and Impatience made the Time move slow, every Minute seem'd a tedious Hour,

Hour, and every Tree that wav'd, whisper'd Prevention. The Time fix'd for our Flight was 10 a Clock, but we waited several Hours longer, and heard no News of *Frederick*; this Disappointment so enraged me that had it not been for *Callis* I had return'd home and comply'd with my Father's Commands; but she perswaded me to go off without him, and run the Hazard of finding him the next Day, assuring me, that she knew a poor Woman not far off, who would give us shelter, till we could learn the Reason of his Absence. Wrought by her Intreaties I consented to this Madness, and went to the Place mentioned.

It was a poor Hovel, and afforded but indifferent Entertainment, but had it been better, my uneasy Mind wou'd not have let me taste it.

THIS Scene of Poverty rais'd in me a thousand dismal Reflections, and the Night wore heavily away; yet the Apprehensions I had of not finding *Frederick*, made me dread the approaching Day-light.

Soon as it was light, the faithful *Callis* prevail'd with her Friend to seek for *Frederick*, for she durst not venture herself

left some of my Father's Friends shou'd discover her, and force her to tell where I had concealed my self ; this slow Mercury did not return till the fourth Hour, and then her News was such, that I wish'd I had never seen her ; in short, she brought me Word, that she had enquir'd for *Don Frederick* all over the Town, but cou'd get no Tidings of him, but what she heard at his Lodgings ; which were, that he had not been at home all Night, nor did they know where he was gone, unless he had set out for *Val de Penas*, whither he had talk'd of going some few Days before.

THIS dreadful News struck to my Heart, and I began to doubt the Constancy of *Frederick* : Is this the Man, said I, for whom I have rashly disobey'd my Father, forsook his House, have given up myself a Prey to Scandal's gathering Tongue, that will report my Actions with such malicious Explanations, that they will break my Father's Heart and set me down a hated prostitute for ever ! These Reflections follow'd by a Flood of Tears, so impair'd my Spirits, that I sunk under the Weight of Grief, and 'twas with Difficulty they recover'd my scatter'd Senses.

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As I grew better, *Callis* begun to encourage me, by giving me Hopes of regaining my lost Lover ; and, continued she, 'till that can be done, we may remain here with Safety, where no prying Eyes ever come, that may annoy us ; but while she was praising our Habitation, the old Woman told us, we must not expect to stay there any longer, for there were many People hunting after me, and a great Reward offer'd to any that shou'd take me ; and said, she that if they shou'd discover you under my Roof, they wou'd kill me for concealing you, therefore I desire you will leave my House immediately.

CALLIS was a little allarm'd at this Warning, and began to wish herself at home again, and 'twas with a great deal of Persuasion that I prevail'd with her not to leave me, for as I had resolv'd never to return to my Father, the Loss of my Companion wou'd have been irreparable.

THE old Woman was so impatient to have us gone, that she wou'd scarce give us leave to stay till the next Morning. This Night I spent in Consideration what I should do with myself, and whither I shou'd fly to avoid my Father's Search ; for I knew no Friend that wou'd admit

me into their House, nor did I care to trust any, since *Frederick* had deceived me. At last, I resolv'd to put on a mean Habit, and follow him to *Val de Penas*; I told this Project to *Callis*, who was very well pleas'd, and promis'd to bear me Company.

IN the Morning I beg'd the old Woman to let us have a couple of ragged Gowns, and she shou'd have ours in Exchange; you may be sure there did not want many Words to persuade her to this; so we put on our Beggar's Weeds and began our Journey. The beginning of the Morning was pleasant enough, and we were so delighted with the sweet Face of Nature, that we flatter'd ourselves, we shou'd never be tir'd; but too soon we found the Folly of such Thoughts, for e'er the Sun had reach'd his Height, our wearied Limbs began to ask Repose, and our scorch'd Palates the kind Refreshment of some cooling Spring; we look'd, but cou'd find no Comfort near us, so were forc'd to pursue our Journey, in hopes of better Fortune.

TOWARDS the Evening we spy'd a little Hovel, not much unlike that we had left; Necessity added Swiftneſs to our Feet,
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and we reach'd it very soon. When I came to the Door, I found it fast, but guessing there was some Inhabitant within, I made bold to knock, but cou'd get no Answer; this Disappointment threw me almost into Despair, and had such an Effect upon poor *Callis* that she laid herself down upon the Ground, resolving not to walk a Step farther, but die upon that Spot: This Resolution and the odd Cries she made, forc'd me to laugh in spite of my Distress.

WHILE we were in this Situation, I saw a Man decending an adjacent Hill; his slow Pace and reverend Beard, made me immediately guess it was an Hermit, and possibly the Owner of this Cottage; soon as *Callis* perceived him I thought she would have run mad with Joy, for she fell to dancing and capering so, that I had great Difficulty to keep her quiet.

WHEN this ancient Gentleman came near enough to speak to us, he ask'd us who we were and what Misfortunes had brought us to that Place; I told him we were poor Women going to *Val de Penas* to see a near Relation, but fatigued with the Heat of the Day, we had stopt there to beg Relief; the good Man seem'd to pity

pity our Condition, and kindly ask'd us to repose ourselves in his Hovel, which he immediately open'd and led us into.

WE were scarce seated before he brought us some dry'd Fish, a Sallad, and some Fruit, of which we eat heartily, and wash'd it down with a Shell of Chrystal Water. He ask'd us many Questions, which I turn'd off as well as I cou'd without answering to the Purpose.

WHEN he had done enquiring into my Life and Condition, I took the Liberty to ask him who he was ; he made no Scruple of answering, but gave me the following Account of himself.

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History of FRANCISCO.

MY Name is *Francisco*, I was born at *Seville*, my Father was a Merchant there ; who by his Industry and Care, gain'd a considerable Fortune, which when he dy'd he left to me, his only Son, with a strict Command to provide for a God-daughter of his, and a Nephew, both Orphans, and but in mean Circumstances.

WHEN I first came to my Fortune, I took all Pleasures that Money could buy me ; as to the two Dependants, I allow'd enough to maintain 'em without any other Assistance ; I went on in this loose Manner upwards of three Years ; till one Day being invited to a Gentleman's House, I fell violently in Love with his Daughter ; I pursu'd her some Time, without any Thoughts of marrying her ; but finding my Courtship vain, I was oblig'd to turn an honourable Lover ; in this Shape I soon obtain'd the Lady's Affections ; and my Fortune you
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may be sure quickly gain'd the Consent of her Father.

WHEN I was married I took a large House and furnish'd it equal to my Estate to receive my Wife in, then brought home the two Orphans my Father had committed to my Care, in order to be my Companions: The Girl's Name was *Cornelia*, about sixteen Years of Age, and the Boy's *Antonio*, upwards of twenty; being thus settled, I thought myself the happiest of Mankind, and spent all my Time amongst my little Family; my former young Companions I forsook, and in their Room got acquainted with the graver Sort of Mankind, among which there was one *Prospero*, a Man of nice Honour and Integrity, and one who valu'd his Friend's Reputation equal with his own.

I LIV'D above two Years and an Half in this happy State of Life, loving and as I thought, belov'd but, alas! Time convinc'd me of my own Folly and my Wife's Baseness.

My Friend *Prospero*, by frequently coming to my House, had entertain'd a Passion for *Cornelia*; which was so agreeable to her, that there was a very good Understanding between them, and they
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wanted nothing but the Ceremony of the Church to compleat their Happiness. This Intimacy took off the Caution of the Tongue, and made 'em discover each others Sentiments with all the Freedom of Man and Wife.

My Affections still continu'd, and my Love as great as it was the first Hour our Hands were join'd, and had it not been for *Prospero's* Intimacy with *Cornelia*, I had never known my Wife's Guilt.

ONE Day, as I was to mount my Horse in order to ride to a little Seat I had about twenty Miles from home, and take the Benefit of the Air all Night, *Prospero* whisper'd me, and desir'd I wou'd go to a House hard by and wait 'till he came, for he had some Business of Consequence to talk with me about. I knew not what he wanted, but I went to the Place appointed.

WHEN I came, I ask'd him what he had to say, but he made me trifling Answers, and wou'd never come to the Point 'till he had taken up so much of my Time that I cou'd not begin my Journey that Night : he then said, now *Francisco*, I will declare my Reason for detaining you here so long ; but first give me

me your Sword, for 'tis a Business that will move you much, and unless you resolve to fix your Temper, and hold the Reins of Passion hard, the Consequence may prove fatal to us all ; this dreadful Preparation so amaz'd me that I had scarce Power to bid him proceed ; however, I gave him my Sword, and stood silent to expect my Fate.

LOVE (continu'd he) is the nicest Passion of the Soul, the most susceptible of Injuries, and tho' so strong itself makes us weak, by blinding our Reason and shutting out Belief : the Knowledge of the Force of this Passion has made me very tender in discovering what I know to you ; and 'tis my Honesty that cannot bear to see your Honour stain'd, obliges me to inform you of this unwelcome News. In short, your Wife has given up herself to Lust, defil'd your Bed, and is become a Prostitute to the ungrateful *Antonio*. Here Love rose up, and I began to take her part ; but he stopp'd me, and told me, that this Intelligence came from *Cornelia*, who has been witness of their Baseness, and has seen 'em frequently in Bed together ; but, added he, if you doubt the Truth of what I say, she will be here herself, and lead you

you where you shall prove by ocular Demonstration their horrid Guilt; for as they do not expect you home to Night, they will not miss the Opportunity of indulging their detested Passion, and when they are in Bed she will bring me word.

WHILE I was wond'ring at this surprising Tale, *Cornelia* sent to speak with my Friend *Prospero*. Now, said he, you shall be convinc'd that I have told you nothing but the Truth; saying thus, he went out and brought *Cornelia* to me, who made good every particular my Friend had told me, and concluded with saying she cou'd now carry me where I might see 'em in the very Act; I immediately sprung from my Seat, and follow'd her into my own House, and went softly up into the Bed Chamber, where *Cornelia* said they were; I try'd to open the Door but found it was lock'd, which oblig'd me to use Violence to get it open.

WHEN I came in, I found my Shame had been compleated; tho' the Noise had given him warning, and the Villain escap'd out of the Window; yet I found his Cloaths, which was Proof enough to satisfy my Doubts. Cou'd I have met
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with him, I believe I shou'd have given way to my Passion, and wash'd out my Dishonour with his Blood; but when I found only her there, her from whom I expected Happiness for Life, Rage turn'd to Grief and fierce Resentment sunk in rainy Sorrow! my Limbs forgot their manly Office, but my Heart retain'd its Softness for the thing I lov'd. Instead of reproaching her, I gently ask'd her, why she had given me such cause to suspect her Honour, and had she made the least Excuse, I believe I shou'd have given my Eyes the Lye, and thought her virtuous! but she, as seeming proud of her Guilt, confess'd the Fact, and told me to my Face, she wou'd follow him she lov'd to the World's End. Love still suppress'd my Rage, and without Passion, I bid her take all her Cloaths, Jewels, and what else of Value, that she thought fit, and leave my House immediately; without any Concern she fell to packing up her things which being done, she left me that Night, and seem'd very well pleas'd with her Disgrace.

WHEN she was gone a heavy melancholly seiz'd my Heart; my House, which was once the Scene of Joy and Gladness, now seem'd dark and loathsome, nay even my

my Friend, whose Conversation I so delighted in, appear'd insipid and troublesome.

THE Rumour of this Accident soon spread all over *Spain*, but first it reach'd my noble Father-in-Law, and so affected him, that in six Weeks he dy'd a Martyr to his Daughter's Baseness.

AT length the Persuasions of my Friends a little eas'd my Grief, and I once more began to relish Life; yet now and then a Sigh wou'd heave, a Tear wou'd fall, to shew she was still in my Heart.

WHEN my Concern was a little over, *Prospero*, spite of my ill Success, desir'd I wou'd give him my Consent to marry *Cornelia*; as I wish'd 'em both happy, I made no Scruple of complying with his Request, but gave her five hundred Pistoles as a Mark of my Friendship; and being loth to be left alone, I granted 'em the Liberty of my House, where they liv'd and enjoy'd all the Comforts, I once flatter'd myself with in the Marriage State.

TIME, that eases Memory of every thing, at length brought me Relief; her
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Beauties and her Crimes were all eras'd out of my Bosom; and I liv'd upwards of seven Years in perfect Tranquillity, when an Accident happen'd that plung'd me again in Grief, that I shall ne'er get quit off.

My Friend *Prospero*, going one Day to the common Jayl for Debtors, in order to relieve an Object of Compassion, as he was coming out a Woman pull'd him by the Sleeve, and desir'd to speak with him. When she had got him alone, she ask'd him if he did not know her; *Prospero* immediately answer'd in the Negative, which drew a Flood of Tears from the poor Wretch's Eyes: this Behaviour touch'd him so, that he begg'd she wou'd inform him who she was. When with a Sigh she cry'd, I was once the Wife of good *Francisco*; but now, deservedly, the most miserable Wretch that e'er the Sun beheld!

PROSPERO, shock'd to see my Wife in these Tatters of Poverty, began to enquire into her past Life, and where she had been, that I had never heard any Tidings of her.

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ALAS, said she! Guilt and Misfortunes are inseparable; for when I left my Husband (branded with the name of Whore) I went with Pleasure, thinking to find a Shelter in *Antonio's Arms*; but how was I deceiv'd! for instead of Love and Tenderness, I met with Ill-nature and Reproach; nay, he proceeded farther, and took from me all the Jewels, that by my Husband's Permission, I had brought with me, then abus'd me and fled, nor have I ever heard of him since: In this Distress I wou'd have return'd home, but that my Pride wou'd not let me take Relief from one whom I had so highly injur'd.

HAVING thus lost my Husband, Honour, Friends, and him for whom I gave them up, I had no way left to prevent starving, but asking Charity from Strangers, which I found too cold to give me much Relief. At last I fell acquainted with a Woman who lives in a Village not far from *Seville*, that seem'd to pity my Misfortunes; she took me into her House, and told me she wou'd trust me 'till I I cou'd get some Business, and pay her again; I liv'd there near three Months, when she came to me, and said, she had heard of something that if I accepted of it, wou'd prove very much to my Advantage;

rage : I was overjoy'd at the News of my good Fortune, and look'd upon this Woman as the only Friend I had ever met with. — But my Joy was soon eclips'd when I came to hear upon what Terms I was to be provided for : in short, this old Devil, whom I had hitherto thought charitable and good, prov'd quite the Reverse, and thought to pay herself by selling me to an old Officer that had taken a Fancy to the Remains of Beauty my Misfortunes had left me.

I DETESTED this means of living, and tho' I had been once guilty, I resolv'd to spend my Days in deep Repentence, and never err again. — My refusing this Proposal disappointed her of the Pistoles she expected for my Consent, which so incens'd her, that she determin'd to be reveng'd on me, and finding no way but one, she laid me in Prison for the Money I ow'd her for three Months Board ; and here I have been above four Years a poor Dependant upon the Charity of those who come to see the unhappy Objects of this Place ; which is just enough to support Life, and keep me in constant Pain ; in short, the numerous Hardships we endure here are far more shocking than Death can be, especially

especially to me, who was ever us'd to the most tender Comforts Nature's Bounty can bestow ; but I bear 'em all with Patience, since, I hope, these Mortifications may, in some Measure, atone for my past Crimes, which is all I have to do in Life to appease avenging Heaven, that I may not die quite destitute of hope of everlasting Happiness : this Object of Distress and Repentance struck so to the Heart of the gentle *Prospero*, that he cou'd not help offering his Assistance to relieve her Miseries. My Wife, perceiving Pity in his Eyes, went on thus : if you wou'd serve me, you will not refuse me what I am going to ask, which is, that you wou'd bring my Husband to me once before I die, that I may depart assur'd of his Forgiveness, 'tis all I ask, and the only thing can make me happy.

PROSPERO, who knew my tender Heart, and how sensible it was of others Miseries, promis'd to acquaint me with her Request ; which he did in Words so moving, and Accents so pathetick, that he reviv'd the tender Passion I formerly had bore her, which assisted by Pity, rais'd such Emotions in my Soul, that nothing yet had equall'd ; the Injuries she had done me I forgot, and only remem-
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ber'd our past Pleasures in the Spring
of Love.

RESOLV'D to save her from Despair
and take her to my Arms, I ran to the
sad Scene, attended only by my Friend ;
soon as she saw me, a Flood of Tears
gush'd from her Eyes, and e'er I cou'd
reach her she fell upon her Knees, and in
the utmost Agony begg'd for Pardon,
my Heart leap'd at her long silent Voice !
I do, I do, (cry'd I) forgive, and quite
forget all Injuries past, am now come to
welcome thee to Joy and Happiness ;
then stoop'd to raise her from the Earth ;
when, oh surprizing Turn ! I found her
stiff and cold, frozen by Death in that sad
suppliant Posture, immoveable and fix'd !
and tho' I us'd all possible means to re-
gain her fleeting Soul, 'twas all in vain,
for she never spoke more !

SHOCK'D at the Sight, my Reason fled,
and Frenzy took its Place ; oft I attempted
on my Life, and had I not been prevented,
wou'd have join'd with her in Death !
Long I continu'd in this wild Condition
'till the Care of Friends and Time brought
back my straggling Senses : with them
the Extacy of Sorrow fled, but still the
deep and melancholly Part remains, and
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ever will 'till Death shall ease me of the Load ; from this Time I began to hate all Conversation, Company was tiresome, and nothing but Solitude cou'd make me happy.

To indulge my Grief, and shun the officious Love of Friends, I resolv'd to retire from the World ; to which End I settled all my Fortune upon the faithful *Prospero* and his Wife *Cornelia*, reserving only to myself enough to purchase this little Spot, where with my own Hands I plant my frugal Diet, and live in Joys unknown to Luxury ; have Peace in this World, and thro' my Prayers, which constantly I pay my God, have hopes of rising to eternal Happiness ; Care I have none, unless it is when I cast my Eyes upon that Picture, and then, spite of Philosophy, my Tears will fall, to remind me how passionately I lov'd, how ill I was rewarded. Here he shew'd me a Picture, which was a Representation of his Wife's repentant Posture, and her Death. *Francisco* stopt, and ended his Discourse with all the Marks of Grief and Love.

C H A P. V.

LEONORA's History continued.

THIS Story made such an Impression on me, that I quite forgot my own Misfortunes, and only felt for poor *Francisco*. By that time we had refresh'd ourselves with what his Bounty set before us, the Sun withdrew, and Darkness came apace, which made us press upon his Goodnature, and beg the Protection of his Hovel for that Night; his Charity made no Scruple of granting our Request; he immediately fetch'd some clean Straw, and laid it in the Corner of his Hut, and *Callis* and myself lay down to Rest.

NEXT Morning we took leave of our kind Host and pursu'd our Journey; as we walk'd reflecting upon *Francisco's* Misfortune, on a sudden we saw a Number of Men come riding towards us; *Callis*, who knew more of the World than myself, immediately knew what they were, and cry'd out, in a terrible Fright, *the Banditti!* for my own Part, I was not at
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all surpriz'd at them, for as I knew their Business was to plunder, I thought our Cloaths wou'd defend us from their Rage, but poor *Callis* was in the utmost Apprehensions. I desir'd her to compose herself, and walk by them without taking any Notice.

WHEN they came near they ask'd us where we were going, I told 'em to *Val de Penas* ; at which the foremost got from his Horse, and looking very earnestly upon me, said, Child, thou art too tender to go on foot so far ; thou shalt get upon my Horse, and I will carry thee to the Place you mention'd. E'er I cou'd make an Answer, *Callis* cry'd out, Madam, don't go with 'em, for they'll carry you to some private Place and ravish you. This ill-tim'd Caution was of very bad Consequence, for by that they discover'd *Callis* know what they were, which so incens'd 'em, that without any farther Ceremony, the Man who first saluted me, order'd one of the Company to place me upon his Horse, and carry me away, which he did in spite of all my Shrieks and Cries ; as to *Callis*, she was not handsome enough to repay their trouble, so they e'en left her behind.

WITH all the Eloquence I had, assisted by a Show'r of Tears, I begg'd them to release me, but they gave no Ear to my Cries, but rode the faster, which so confus'd me that I lost my Senses, nor recover'd 'em 'till I reach'd the Place they intended to lodge me in.

WHEN I came to my Senses, I found myself laid upon a rich silk Couch, in a fine large Hall adorn'd with many Glasses, Pictures, and a great Number of Candles; I look'd round for the Ruffians that had forc'd me hither, but cou'd not see any of them, nor did I hear the least Noise. The Silence and Magnificence of the Place so surpriz'd me that I cou'd scarce believe myself awake; my Terror was turn'd into Curiosity, and I long'd for some Body to come and acquaint me where I was.

WHILE I was contemplating on this sudden Turn of Fortune, I heard the Tread of some body coming towards the Door, which so alarm'd me, that I thought I shou'd have relaps'd again into my late Condition of Insensibility. Immediately the Door open'd, and a Man in a very rich Habit came in; he bow'd, and then drew

drew towards me, and perceiving my Fear, address'd himself in this kind manner :
 " Madam, said he, if you knew the Happiness you are brought to, you wou'd immediately dry up your Tears, and bless the Powers that brought you to this Place; but since you seem to doubt the Truth of what I say, I will give you a Specimen of your good Fortune." Here he call'd his Servants, who, according to his Orders, brought in Cloaths of various Sorts, all magnificent and gay. This done, he bad me take my Choice, and then left me, with only two Women to help dress me.

THESE officious Ladies, presently stripp'd off my Rags, and then conducted me to a Bath of cheerful Smell; after bathing I was led back and dress'd in one of the most shining Habits I had ever seen, enrich'd with every Treasure that the Ocean yields, which being done they left me, and immediately the same Man appear'd again before me.

AT sight of him, spight of the Tenderness he us'd me with, my Fears return'd, and Tears began to flow; " What, said he, can be the cause of this continu'd Grief, since from Rags and Po-

“ verty, I have rescued you, and plac’d
 “ you in the Scene of Happiness and Joy ;
 “ then weep no more, but let your bet-
 “ ter Fortune dry your Eyes.” These
 Words indeed might have compos’d my
 Mind, had I really been, what I appear’d
 to him ; but when I reflected on my Folly
 in leaving my Father’s House, the Disap-
 pointment I met with in *Frederick’s* Love ;
 the tenderest Words, and all the Riches
 this bold Russian cou’d bestow, gave but
 small Comfort to my aching Heart ; be-
 sides, I knew his Kindness was not with-
 out a Prospect of Return ; and such Re-
 turn, as virtuous Hearts must tremble but
 to think on. I told him that this unlook’d
 for Alteration in my Fortune had thrown
 me into such Confusion, that nothing but
 Time and Rest cou’d settle ; he told me he
 wou’d trouble me no more that Night,
 provided I wou’d set down, and take
 Share of a Repast, which he had order’d,
 to refresh me ; in Hopes of being rid of
 his Company, I comply’d with his Re-
 quest, but without any Satisfaction to my
 self.

WHEN I had ended and drank a Bowl
 of Wine, *Roberto* (for that was his Name,
 as one of the Women told me, that dress’d
 me) perform’d his Promise, and after wish-
 ing

ing me a good Repose left me with two Women, who conducted me to a very stately Bed, which being done they retir'd into another Room, to watch lest I should want any thing in the Night.

I WAS no sooner laid in my Bed, but a Croud of sad Reflections rush'd in, and shut out soft Repose, or when o'er-wearied Nature closed my Eyes, 'twas but to bring some horrid Vision, and represent my Grievs in Forms more dreadful, than what my waking Imagination cou'd suggest.

THE next Morning, the two Attendants came and dress'd me again, in the same Habit I had worn over Night, and then led me into a fine Alcove in a large Garden, where *Roberto* waited to receive me ; he no sooner saw me but he came and handed me up the Steps, while the Women withdrew ; he then began to tell me of the violent Passion he had entertained for me, from the first Moment he saw me, and withal said, that was the Reason of his forcing me to that Place. But, continued he, be not afraid of any other Violence, for tho' you are here within my Power, in a Place so fortified by Nature that a whole Army wou'd attempt to rescue you in vain, and tho' nothing

can make me happy but the Possession of your Charms, yet I am resolved never to force that Pleasure from you, but try to gain it by the gentlest Means and Courtship that the most modest Virgin need not blush to hear ; nor do I wish that you shou'd reward my Passion, till your own Heart tells you I deserve it ; he then call'd his Servants and order'd them to obey me as they wou'd himself, and at the same Time gave me the Keys of his Treasure, beg'd I wou'd peruse it, and try to divert the melancholly Thoughts that seem'd to oppress me. This hospitable Usage so amazed me that I cou'd scarce believe I was awake, 'twas more than I cou'd expect from one whose whole Business was to plunder and distress all whom he met, without Distinction ; my Fears began to vanish, and had it not been for reflecting on my lost *Frederick*, I shou'd have been well contented with my Fortune. However I resolv'd to be cheerful, and wait with Patience for some lucky Opportunity to relieve me from my Bondage.

○ Soon as *Roberto* left me, I retir'd into my Appartment, and began to examine the many Curiosities I found there, which were very wonderful and rich ; but when I consider'd they were the Fruits of Robbery

bery and the Ruin of many a helpless Traveller, I look'd with Sorrow on their Lustre and wish'd them safe in better Hands.

IN a small Cupboard not far from the Door, among other Things, I perceiv'd a parcel of Papers thrown carelessly together in a Corner, Curiosity, the constant Attendant on our Sex, made me venture to peruse 'em ; but Oh ! too soon I found the fatal Consequence, for by this Enquiry all my Hopes of Happiness that I had entertain'd at once were clouded and defac'd : In short, among many others, I found the very Letter which I wrote to *Frederick* the Night before I left my Father's House ; only imagine how I was alarm'd ! I now too well guess'd why he disappointed me at the Garden Gate, I found by that Letter being here that these Villains by some Accident had surpriz'd, rob'd and murder'd him ; at least my Fears suggested so.

WITH all the Agony of Sorrow I read it over and over, and wou'd scarce believe the Truth of what I saw ; when Tears had a little eas'd my full heart, a Gleam of Hope began to dawn which was, that tho' plunder'd, *Frederick* might be still alive ; however, as Doubt is the most painful State we can dwell in, I resolv'd

to shew *Roberto* the Letter, and ask him what became of the Party to whom it belong'd.

I THEN sat down to compose myself, lest *Roberto* shou'd imagine by my Concern, that I had some particular Interest in enquiring after *Frederick's* Life ; after an Hour's Consideration I settled my Features so well, that tho' I had the utmost Uneasiness at Heart, it was impossible he could discover it by any external Effect.

ABOUT the fourth Hour, *Roberto* came, who immediately flew to me and embrac'd me with allt he Tendernefs of a passionate Lover. He then ask'd me if I had been well diverted in his Absence, and whether I had met with any thing worthy my Observation. I thought this a very good Occasion to begin my Enquiry, therefore spoke thus. " The many Curiosities I
 " have perus'd, I must confess, have gi-
 " ven me a great deal of Satisfaction ; but
 " my Pleasure has been a little dash'd, by
 " reading this Letter, it seems to be from
 " a very passionate Lady, to a Gen-
 " tleman no less amorous ; pray, said I,
 " will you tell me where you had this Let-
 " ter, and, if you can, whether the Lo-
 " vers succeeded in their Design or not."

I spoke this with an Air of Indifference, which seem'd to say I had no other Reason for asking, but the natural Curiosity of my Sex.

ROBERTO took the Letter, and without any Hesitation made me this Answer. " The Gentleman, as you may see
 " by the Letter, is named *Frederick*, and
 " I believe is of Family and Fortune; I
 " met him some few Miles from *Seville*,
 " attended by two Servants all well mount-
 " ed and richly furnish'd; by the Ap-
 " pearance he made, I thought he might
 " be a good Booty, so I rode up to him,
 " attack'd and plunder'd him, and of no
 " small matter, for he was well loaded
 " with Gold, Jewels, and several other
 " Things of Consequence, in all to the
 " Value of near five hundred Pistoles; a-
 " mong the rest I took from him a Pocket
 " Book, which I thought might contain
 " some Notes of Value; but upon the
 " Perusal, I found in it only that Letter,
 " and two or three Receipts, which were
 " of no Use. But, said I, (with a Con-
 " cern which I could hardly smother)
 " what became of the Gentleman after
 " you had plunder'd him? Why, answer'd
 " he, just as my Companions were
 " making off with the Booty, a large Com-
 pany

“pany of Gentlemen appear’d upon a
 “Hill not far from the Place where *Fre-*
 “*derick* stood, he immediately set up a
 “Huzza, and they came to his Assist-
 “ance ; we rode off and they pursued us,
 “with great Alacrity. But *Frederick* be-
 “ing better mounted than the rest, soon
 “got the Start of ’em, and followed us,
 “without considering how far his Friends
 “were behind, to the very Place of our
 “Abode, where we now are : Now, I
 “thought it Prudence not to let him go
 “back, lest he shou’d mark the Place,
 “and bring a Power sufficient to disturb
 “us in our Retreat ; upon this Considera-
 “tion, I turn’d upon him, and with the
 “Help of my Companions took him Pri-
 “soner, brought him in, and have secur’d
 “him in the farthest Part of the Rock,
 “where I allow him all the gentle Usage
 “his Birth deserves ; but will never give
 “him his Liberty unless he will join with
 “our Body, and assist us in our Vocation ;
 “which I dont think impossible to per-
 “suade him to, since he seems to have a
 “great Desire for Liberty, and a very
 “grateful Sense of the Favours I have
 “conferr’d on him.” Who can express the
 Torment I felt from this Account, which
 let me know, that *Frederick* was Prisoner
 under the same Tyrant as myself : How-
 ever

ever I restrain'd my Passion, being satisfied that the least Discovery of my Love would be inevitable Death to us both. All I cou'd do in this Circumstance, wou'd be to treat *Roberto* with Gentleness, and by that Means get enough into his Favour to be able to persuade him to allow *Frederick* the Freedom that I enjoy'd.

THE Hope of this was the only Thing that cou'd support my Spirits under my present Calamities; besides the Pleasure of conversing with *Frederick* wou'd take off much of the Uneasiness I suffer'd in Confinement. To this End I summon'd all my Art, and by degrees brought *Roberto* to believe I was as much his Friend as if I had come thither by my own Consent: He look'd upon me no longer as a Prisoner, but as an Intimate, with whom he might trust his most important Secrets. I had a Key to every Door, and often took my Diversion on the Outside of his Retreat, without the least Suspicion of desiring to escape; nay he went so far, when he thought he had got Possession of my Heart, that he told me, if I wou'd leave him, he wou'd not use the least Force to detain me; and indeed, I often went so far, that I might with ease have got out of his

his Power, but that I cou'd not bear to leave the Man I lov'd behind me.

ALL I now wanted was to befriend *Frederick*, without giving *Roberto* Cause to suspect I had any former Knowledge of him ; this was the greatest Difficulty I met with ; however Fortune gave me an Opportunity soon after, to do him the Service I intended. One Day as *Roberto* and myself were at Dinner, he told me the Stranger he had formerly mention'd was exceeding ill, and, added he, his Sickneſs gives me a great deal of Uneaſineſs, ſince he is a Man who has all the Virtues I wou'd wiſh to find in a Friend : I have ſent him into the Garden to try what Effect the Air will have ; but I am afraid it will not work a Cure, for there ſeems a ſettled Melancholly at his Heart, which nothing in my Power can remove ; however, I will ſpare no Pains to relieve him, and I wou'd have you meet him in the Garden as by Accident, and endeavour to find out the ſecret Cause that thus afflicts him : this was a welcome Requeſt, and I made no Scruple of complying with it.

Soon as we roſe from Table, he again repeated his Requeſt, and beg'd me to uſe all the Art I was Miſtreſs of to diſcover
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the Reason of his Grief ; he then order'd his Horse, which when I had seen him mount, I flew to perform my Charge.

I NO sooner came into the Garden but my Heart began to flutter, my Pulse beat thick, and every Limb felt an unusual Motion ; a pleasing Fear that Lovers only know : It was not long before I saw *Frederick* walking with Arms a-cross, pensive and full of Care, in the midst of a delightful Grove, his dejected Look and melancholly Posture, seem'd to speak the Extremity of Grief ; I made what Haste my trembling Limbs wou'd let me, to meet him ; before I came within Ear-shot of him, I perceiv'd he saw me, and was much surpriz'd at seeing one of my Sex, as at an Object strange and new ; but as I drew nearer his Wonder encreased, whilst every Step I took seem'd to confirm him in the Opinion the first Glance of me had given him ; having got up to him, I found him like a Statue, petrified with Fear and Wonder ; I took him by the Hand, and ask'd him if he had forgot me, but he still kept his Posture, which made me dread the Consequence of this unthought of Meeting.

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HOWEVER a few Moments dispell'd that Fear and brought him to himself ; when throwing his Arms about my Neck, and art thou then (he cry'd) my *Leonora* ? my Love, whom I so long have lost, so much have mourn'd ! Then looking in my Face, it is, it is, (said he) the Mistress of my Vows ! the Woman that has the sole Dominion over my Heart !

I WILL not, continued she, tire you with repeating all the rapturous Expressions he made use of ; since any one may imagine the Extacy of a Heart, so tender as *Frederick's*, at so unexpected a Meeting with the Object whom he most desir'd.

Soon as the first Transports of our Joy were over, he began to enquire how I came thither, which I immediately told him, in as few Words as the Affair wou'd admitt off ; for I dreaded ev'ry Moment the Return of *Roberto*, whom (tho' I had his Command for what I did) I was unwilling shou'd find me in close Conference with *Frederick*, lest it shou'd raise any jealous Whimsies in his Brain, that might be fatal to us. Just as I had ended the Account of my Misfortunes, a Messenger came and told me that *Roberto*

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was come in and desir'd my Company ; I was oblig'd to obey the Summons, and was forc'd to take leave of *Frederick*, without any farther Ceremony than a cold Courtesy.

THE first Question *Roberto* ask'd me was, what Success I had had with the Stranger ? I told him, that I believ'd his Melancholly proceeded from the Want of Liberty and Conversation, and that if he wou'd but admit him into his Company, a few Days wou'd quite efface his present Illness and make him his intire Friend : *Roberto*, at hearing this immediately order'd him to be brought before him ; which being done he saluted him with all the Marks of Friendship, and from that Moment gave him all the Liberty he had given me, except one which was that he shou'd not be suffer'd to go out of the Confines of the Garden without a Guard. This Restriction gaye me a good deal of Uneasiness, for I knew it wou'd be impossibie for us to make our Escape, while one of his Creatures had the Care of *Frederick* ; however there was more likelihood now than when he was confin'd in the Dungeon, and some Degree of Happiness, since we shou'd have Opportunities of conversing together.

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WHEN Supper came in, we sat down and were very merry ; as to *Frederick* and myself, tho' our Hearts were one, we put on the Air of Strangers, and acted our Parts so well, that *Roberto* never once suspected that we had ever met before.

AFTER this we had frequent Interviews, which were always employ'd in lamenting our unhappy Conditions, and contriving Means to escape : We form'd many Projects, but all in vain, for whenever *Frederick* went abroad, he was so closely watch'd by the Russian who attended him, that it was impossible to put any of our Schemes in Execution.

WE went on in this Manner, sometimes bewailing together like Friends and Lovers, and sometimes appearing indifferent like Strangers, as Seasons wou'd permit, for upwards of two Months, when Fortune sent us an unexpected Friend, to give us in a Moment the Blessing, Liberty, we had so long been wishing for.

ONE Evening when we came in from taking the fresh Air, we found *Roberto* in an unusual Gaiety, and the Table set out with double the Quantity of Dishes it was wont

wont to be stor'd with ; nay, even the Servants, or rather slavish Villains, seem'd to wear a more than ordinary Face of Business and Delight, while all the Place was illuminated and seem'd to speak a General Satisfaction.

BEFORE we cou'd enquire into the Cause of this Gladness, *Roberto* brought in a Gentleman richly habited and introduced him to *Frederick* and myself, with these Words ; " This is my Friend and Partner, who " has been absent above Six Months, in " pursuit of a large Booty, which he has " with great Difficulty overtaken, and " brought safe into our Treasury." Here he came and saluted me, and went to do the same by *Frederick* ; but just as they had join'd Hands I perceiv'd them both start, as if they had recollected a former Acquaintance which the first View had not brought to remembrance ; however, they took no farther Notice, but immediately join'd with the Company, which was pretty numerous, for upon this joyful Occasion several of the inferior Villains were admitted to sit at the Master's Table. The whole Conversation consisted of Noise, Confusion and obscene Jest ; but they all seem'd very well satisfied with the Entertainment, except *Frederick* and myself, we
cou'd

cou'd receive but little Pleasure in such Wretches Company; the Man who had just arriv'd, and whom they call'd *Alvarez*, seem'd the least disagreeable among them, and I was very uneasy, to know why he was so much surpriz'd when he first saw *Frederick*: I was sure he knew him; what most shock'd me, was, lest he shou'd know any thing of his Passion for me; for as he had lately been abroad, it was not impossible but he might have pass'd thro' *Seville*, where my Elopement from my Father had made our Loves the common Talk of the Place; this, you'll believe, gave me no small Pain, for if you consider the violent Passion *Roberto* had for me, you will conclude, that the least Hint of a Rival, wou'd have produc'd very fatal Consequences.

THE next Morning I had an Opportunity of seeing *Frederick*, when my first Question was whether he knew the Stranger that arriv'd the Night before; “ Yes, replied he, he was formerly a Servant of mine, and tho' he has taken up the Name of *Alvarez*, his real one is *Stephano*; he is of poor Parents, but I always found him very honest; about three Years ago he quarell'd with a Fellow-Servant, with whom he fought, and wounded

" wounded him so dangerously, that he
 " was oblig'd to leave his Service to avoid
 " the Law ; since that time I have never
 " seen, nor heard any thing of him, 'till
 " last Night, which I must confess very
 " much surpriz'd me, for from the for-
 " mer Behaviour of his Life I shou'd
 " never have thought of finding him
 " listed among a Set of such Villains ;
 " however, continu'd he, I have Reason
 " to believe he will be of Service to
 " us, for he took an Opportunity last
 " Night to whisper me ; he desir'd I
 " wou'd not take any Notice of him then,
 " but that he wou'd find an Oppor-
 " tunity some time to Day to talk
 " with me.

HE was going on, when *Roberto* and
Alvarez came in and stop'd his Progress ;
Roberto desir'd we would accompany him
 into the Garden, which we very readily a-
 greed to. When we began to walk, *Robert*
 directed all his Conversation to me, while
Alvarez and *Frederick* walk'd on before ;
 I knew the Reason of their going toge-
 ther, and was in hopes some good Ef-
 fect wou'd flow from it. Therefore I
 took care to divert *Roberto* as well as I
 cou'd, that he might not follow and in-
 terrupt their Discourse.

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WHEN we had got loose from these Villains, where *Frederick* and I cou'd speak freely together; he told me that *Stephano* had promis'd to assist him in getting his Freedom, and he did not doubt but a very few Days wou'd accomplish it. You may easily imagine what Effect this had upon us, since we had now a fair Prospect of regaining our Liberty, and being happy in each others Arms.

IN the Evening we walk'd into the Garden, where *Stephano* had appointed *Frederick* to meet him; there he repeated his Promise of conveying us out of *Roberto's* Power, and withal told us that he himself intended to leave him, that in the late Prize he had taken, he had secur'd a large Sum of Money, and some Jewels, unknown to *Roberto*, sufficient to support him the remaining part of his Life, without any of the Baseness he had practis'd for three Years past; he concluded with assuring us he wou'd not miss the first Opportunity that offer'd to fulfil his Promise.

As I had but a bad Opinion of the Honesty of such Men as *Stephano*, I thought every Moment an Age, 'till the happy Minute arriv'd;

arriv'd; I fear'd lest he shou'd betray us to *Roberto*, but my present unhappy Condition oblig'd me to depend on him, and sure nothing but Necessity cou'd make me have any Confidence in what he said.

AFTER a Week's Suspence one Day *Roberto* order'd his Horse to be got ready, and the chief part of his Adherents to attend him; which being done, they all set forward, whither I could not tell, but he told us that he shou'd not return 'till the next Morning. He was no sooner gone out, but *Stephano*, who had now the intire Command of the Place, and the few Villains that were left, bid us prepare for Flight: this was a welcome Order, and was obey'd with no little Pleasure; but being resolv'd not to go empty-handed, we pack'd up all the Money, Gold and Jewels we cou'd find, (the Keys being entrusted to my Care) to bear the Expence of our Journey, which being done, we mounted our Horses (which *Stephano* had provided for the Purpose) and began our Course towards *Cadiz*.

OUR Journey was long and tiresome, but the Fatigue was much alleviated by the pleasant Thought of having obtain'd our Liberty; that join'd with the Conversation

versation I had with *Frederick*, which you may be sure was full of Tenderness and Love, made it very agreeable. As to *Stephano*, he found us such dull Companions, that after two Days Travel he left us, and pursu'd his Journey towards *Corduba*, of which we were very glad, for all the way we came every one that look'd at us, gave us a great deal of Uneasiness lest they shou'd know *Stephano*, and seize him for any of his past Rogueries, which if they had, they wou'd of course have taken us for being in his Company.

Soon as we had reach'd *Cadiz*, *Frederick* press'd me to make our Fortunes inseparable for the future by Marriage, which I cou'd not refuse, since he had run thro' so many Dangers for my sake; accordingly, about three Days after our Arrival, the Priest join'd our Hands.

BUT finding *Cadiz* too publick a Place to rest long unknown in, we made what haste we cou'd to turn our Jewels into ready Money, with a Resolution to repair immediately to *Virginia*, a Colony under the Government of the *English*, and there end our Days in Peace and Happiness.

A FEW Days finish'd our Business at *Cadiz*, and we set sail for *Virginia*; the Wind blew fair, and convey'd us safely into the wish'd-for Port: we immediately purchas'd a decent Habitation, with a convenient Garden, and every thing necessary to make Life agreeable; the Remainder of our Money *Frederick* turn'd into Trade, and prosper'd so well, that in two Years time we found ourselves possess'd of almost as good a Fortune as any upon the Place: and, to make us more happy, Heaven smil'd upon our Loves, and bless'd us with two Children to heir the Fruits of our Labour.

HAVING thus conquer'd our ill Fortune, *Frederick* sent a Letter to a Friend in *Seville* to acquaint him where he was, and earnestly begg'd of him to let him know what became of the little Fortune he possess'd there, and withal, that he wou'd enquire after Don *Ferdinand* and my Mother. — The Answer, after a great many friendly Expressions was, that his younger Brother had taken Possession of the Estate, imagining he was dead; and that Don *Ferdinand*, having us'd all possible means to discover where I was, without Success, took it so to heart,

that he dy'd raving mad in a very short time after. As to my Mother, she had been the Scorn and Jest of all *Seville*, for *Ferdinand* was scarce laid in the Earth, before she married *Sancho* the Gardener, with whom she now lives, despis'd by all that knew her.

As *Frederick* had got a Fortune sufficient to make him happy, he resolv'd not to interrupt his Brother, but suffer'd him to keep a quiet Possession of his Estate ; the most surprizing part of this Letter was what related to my Mother ; I own I can assign but one cause for it, which is, that *Callis* who had escap'd from *Roberto* and his Gang, had return'd to *Seville*, and got so intimate with my Mother that she told her the Deceit we put upon her, when she expected to meet *Frederick*, and that either the fear of Shame, or some particular liking to him when she mistook him for *Frederick*, had excited her to this Madness.

Our Happiness was too great to last, some ill-boding Fiend beheld and envy'd our Felicity ; in short, *Frederick* going one Day on board a Ship to take Account of some Effects that belong'd to him, receiv'd an Affront from the Captain

tain (which few of his Nation can brook) that so enrag'd him, that from hard Words it came to Blows, and in the Scuffle the unfortunate *Frederick* fell over board, by which Accident, tho' many strove to save him, he was drown'd.

THIS Misfortune shock'd me so that for some Days I lost my Senses, and 'twas with the utmost Difficulty my Life was preserv'd. — But when I had recover'd the Power of Thought, my little Infants, whose tender Years demanded a Mother's Care, made such an Impression on my Mind, that for their sakes, I gave ear to the Persuasions of my Friends, and us'd all my Endeavours to reconcile myself to Life.

WHEN I had paid the usual Rites due to my Husband's Manes, and Time had a little wip'd away my Tears, I began to settle his Accounts, but found 'em so confus'd that it was necessary for me to come to *England*, in order to talk with a Merchant of this Place, who has a considerable part of them in his Hands. I have been here three Days and cannot see him, for, as I am inform'd, he is gone a Journey, and is not expected back this Week; but I am resolv'd not to continue in *England* long; for I wou'd

sooner lose what I have in his Hands, than be absent a Month longer from my Children.

CHAP. VI.

Of my Arrival in Dublin. The Favours I received from an old Acquaintance, and the Misfortunes that befel Ernesto and his Lady.

THUS *Leonora* ended the Account of her Life, which affected me so much, that I cou'd scarce refrain from Tears. I was so sensibly touch'd with every Hardship she had suffer'd, and so much delighted with her happier Fortune, that nothing but Love cou'd, at first sight, engage me so much in her Interest.

THE remaining part of the Day we spent in friendly Discourses, but not one Word of Love; my Acquaintance was too short to mention my Passion, tho' I knew that the next Morning wou'd, in all probability, separate us for ever. The Thought of parting with her made me very

very uneasy ; but as I knew my unhappy Circumstances wou'd not suffer me to stay, I us'd all my Endeavours to think no more of her.

EARLY the next Morning the Captain of the Vessel sent me a Summons to come on board, informing me the Wind sat fair, and that he wou'd sail in a few Hours. *Leonora* was not stirring, and I was not free enough with her to disturb her, so was forc'd to depart without taking leave of her in the manner I intended.

THE Sea being an Element I was not us'd to, was very disagreeable to me, for I was extreamly ill all the time I was on board. Nothing particular happen'd 'till I came on shore at *Dublin*, where I met with an Acquaintance, that of all the World, I least expected to find.

As I was gaping about, observing the Manners of a Place I had never seen before, and thinking what to do with myself, a Woman very well dress'd came up to me, who, after making a low Curtsey, ask'd me how I did, and what Business had brought me thither ; I return'd her Civility, but told her I had not the honour of knowing her, and that I believ'd

liev'd she had mistook me for another Person.

No, said she, I know you well, your Name is *Peter de Blois* ; but, continu'd she, since you have forgot my Person, I hope you won't remember the Injury I intended you ; which I should never have consented to, had it not been for the Persuasions of that Villain, I was then engag'd with.

HER mentioning my Name, convinc'd me she had some Knowledge of me, but what Injury she had done me, or where I had seen her, I cou'd not as yet discover ; she wou'd not disclose herself in the Street, but desir'd I wou'd follow her home, where she promis'd to acquaint me who she was, and where she had seen me : accordingly she walk'd on, and I follow'd her, very much surpriz'd at this unexpected Greeting.

SHE led me into a commodious Apartment well furnish'd, and seem'd to speak she was something above the Vulgar : we had no sooner got in but she conducted me into a Parlour, where, after shutting the Door, she told me that her Name was *Lettice*, and that she liv'd at *Lorenzo's*
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at the same Time that I did, but by an unhappy Accident was discharg'd from his Service long before me.

SHE had no sooner said this, but I recollected her Face, and was not so well pleas'd as I expected to be, since I cou'd not help remembring the Confusion she occasion'd in *Lorenzo's* Family. *Lettice* seeing me surpriz'd, and a little out of Temper withal, fell upon her Knees, and protested she never design'd any ill to *Lorenzo* or his Lady, but that the Man being found in the House, she was willing to conceal her own Folly at any Rate; but, continued she, the most cruel Action of my Life, and which I can never think of without blushing, was the consenting to murder you, which had it not been for the Care of Providence, that Villain with whom I then liv'd wou'd infallibly have done; but you escap'd, and I am glad of it; this was the Cause of my leaving *England*, lest you shou'd discover who were the wicked Contrivers of that Attempt, and punish us as we deserv'd.

By this Discourse I found that the Pistol that was fir'd at me as I was going into *Lorenzo's* House, (which I had hitherto thought some Robber had made

use of in Hopes of a good Booty) was owing to the Spirit of Revenge I had rais'd in this Lady and her Gallant.

I WAS going to reproach her, but her suppliant Posture, Tears, and Vows of Repentance, wrought so much upon me that I promis'd never to think of it more.

THIS Affair being ended, and her Pardon seal'd, she shew'd me her House, which was elegantly furnish'd from the Cellar to the Garret; such an Alteration in her Fortune made me curious to know the Particulars of it.

SHE told me, that when she flew from *England*, she was oblig'd to sell Part of her Cloaths, and other Things of Value, that she had got in Service, to carry her over, and kept the Remainder of them to make a Figure with in *Ireland*; for, continued she, as I had always a great Inclination to the Stage, I intended to get into the Play-House, and depended chiefly upon my Figure, and handsome Appearance to recommend me. But in my Passage, the Captain of the Ship was so struck with me, that he perswaded me from my sign, and took me into keeping, and pro-

provided for me in the Manner you see; he does not live wholly with me, for he has a Wife and Family just by, but comes twice or thrice a Week to visit me, at which Times I am oblig'd to be ready to receive him; which is such a Confinement and so disagreeable to me, that I cou'd be contented to live much worse, to have more Liberty; but if I leave him, I know not how to live at all.

AMONG other Things we talk'd of *Lorenzo*, I told her he was dead, and in what an unhandsome Manner his Lady had behav'd to me since; she said she did not wonder at it at all, for she assur'd me, she had heard her speak of me with a great deal of Contempt; and that she had often us'd her Power with *Lorenzo* to discharge me from the Family; I must confess it surpriz'd me, for she had always appear'd quite the reverse of an Enemy.

I LET her know my ill Fortune in *England*; and my Reasons for leaving it, she seem'd to pity me very much, and told me, that I need not concern myself about Business, for that I should be welcome to her House every Day of the Week, but as to Lodging I must provide myself with one, for her Circumstances wou'd not admit of a

Man lying in her House, lest it shou'd raise a Jealousy in her Lover that wou'd be fatal.

THIS Offer I shou'd not have accepted of at another Time, but my present Distress made it very agreeable, and I embrac'd it without once thinking of the Scandal, or the Injury it did my Honour.

I WENT immediately and took a ready furnish'd Room near *Florella's* (so I shall call her for the future, she giving me a Caution not to know her by the Name of *Leticia*, for she had chang'd it to *Florella*) where I brought my Trunk from on Board and dress'd myself next Day, becoming the Companion of so fine a Lady as I was to accompany.

SHE entertain'd me with a great deal of Civility, and with all the Extravagance that Ladies of her Function are so apt to run into ; this was but the Prologue of our Acquaintance, and I behav'd with all the Distance and Ceremony of a Stranger, but a little Time made us more familiar, and I was as often her Companion in Bed as at Table ; except when her old Cap-
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tain came, and then I was excluded from both.

EASE is ever the Mother of Idleness, as I found by Experience, for having a Woman to divert me, a good House to entertain me, and Money in my Pocket, I gave over all Thoughts of Business, did nothing but dress, saunter about from Coffee-House to Coffee-House, and indulge in all the lazy Pleasures, that your Gentlemen of no Employment are so prone to, without ever considering how soon the Lady's Inclinations might alter, or the dangerous Consequences that attend being found grazing, where another had made a Purchase of the Ground.

As I was a constant goer to Coffee-Houses, and made a tolerable Appearance, I was soon acquainted with all the Company that us'd them, among which was one (whom I shall call *Ernesto*) a Gentleman of very polite Behaviour and great Parts ; I was so happy to get into his Favour so much, that he frequently invited me to his House, where he always entertained me in the most elegant Manner, for he had a great Fortune and was of a very generous Spirit ; his Liberality and Good-nature so engag'd me, that I valued and
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respected him like a particular Friend, and I believe he had a very great Regard for me ; but an unhappy Accident depriv'd him and his Lady of their Lives, before I was intimate enough with him to receive any Benefit from his Acquaintance.

ERNESTO besides his House in *Dublin*, had another at a little Village some few Miles out of Town, where he us'd to retire in the Summer Season, to enjoy the Pleasures of the Country ; he kept no Servants there, but one Maid and a Gardener, who were to look after the House in his Absence ; nay, he was a Man so little fond of Equipage, that he and his Lady frequently went thither, attended only by one Footman, whom they call'd *John*, he was an *Englishman*, and had been in the Family for many Years, and was much esteem'd by his Master.

THIS Man, who had behav'd with Honesty so long, was prevail'd on, I know not by what Means, to join with the Maid and Gardener, in order to murder their Master and Lady, strip the House, and make off with the Booty.

THIS wicked Design being agreed to, they only waited for an Opportunity to
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put it in Execution, which happen'd soon after.

ERNESTO and his Lady, and some more Company, of which I was one, rode down one Morning, to take a Day's Pleasure; we no sooner arriv'd, but *Ernesto* took his Pistols out of his Holsters and carried 'em into his Chamber; towards the Evening, the Company, most of them being Men of Business, took their Leave, and we return'd home together; but how were we surpriz'd next Day when we heard *Ernesto* and his Wife were murder'd in such a Manner as Cruelty never yet had equal'd.

In short they were no sooner in Bed and asleep, but these wicked Wretches began their Design: The Manner was this; the Gardener was plac'd at the Bottom of the Stairs to give them Notice, lest there shou'd be any Outcry, with no other Weapon than his Bill; while the Maid took a Candle, and conducted the Footman up, who was to shoot him with his own Pistols that lay ready loaded in his Chamber.

ACCORDINGLY the Villain went softly into the Room, and finding his Master asleep,

asleep, took up the Pistol, clap'd it to his Ear and shot him dead upon the Spot ; at which his Lady, wak'd by the Report, started up, but before she had time to cry out, the Villain took up the other Pistol, and fir'd at her, which, as Fortune wou'd have it, miss'd her ; the Maid, who was holding the Candle all this while by the Bed-side, seeing her Mistress was not dead, drew out a Knife, and stabb'd her in several Places ; when they thought she was dead, they broke open the Scrutore and secur'd the Money, and what other Things of Value they cou'd find, and went down to their impatient Comrade, at the Stair-foot.

WHEN they had collected every Thing they thought worth carrying off without being suspected, they mov'd them into the Hall, and began to share the Spoil ; when a Dispute arose between the Gardener and the Footman, about the Justness of the Division ; which came to high Words, and from Words to Blows ; in the Scuffle, the Gardener catch'd up the Bill, he had to guard the Stair Case, and clove his Antagonist quite down the Head, of which Wound he died immediately ; he then took what Part of the Booty he lik'd, went to the Stable, saddled the swift-
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est Horfe in it, and made the beft of his Way off.

THE Woman not being able to help herfelf fo well, and finding nothing left worth hazarding her Life for, thought to fecure herfelf another Way; accordingly ſhe ran and rais'd the next Houfe, beg'd them for God's Sake to come along with her, for that ſome Thieves had broke into the Houfe, had murder'd her Maſter and Miſtreſs, and the Footman, and had made off with every thing of Value they could find.

THIS dreadful News ſoon rais'd the whole Neighbourhood, for their Good-nature made them beloved by every Body, and a great Number came immediately to the Houfe; their firſt Buſineſs was to ſee after *Erneſto* and his Wife; when they came into the Chamber they found him dead, but his Lady, tho' all over Wounds, had ſtill ſome Life in her, and was ſtruggling to preſerve it. Soon as they had rais'd her in her Bed, ſhe told them, who were the Murderers, and that the Maid, who ſeem'd moſt mov'd with the Sight, held the Candle while the Footman ſhot her Huſband, and then wounded her in the Manner they ſaw. In ſhort ſhe told them
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the whole Affair, (for she heard the Dispute below Stairs) as I have here related it ; Surgeons were immediately sent for, and nothing was wanting to preserve her Life, but all in vain, for the Wounds were mortal, and she surviv'd them but twelve Hours, and then expir'd in the greatest Agony that possibly can be imagined.

THE Maid was seiz'd and thrown into Prison, and the Gardener was taken soon after with several of *Ernesto's* Effects upon him, as he was going on board a Ship bound for *France*. When they were brought to tryal, they made use of all the artful Methods they cou'd invent to parry the Hand of Justice ; but the Proofs were so strong and the Evidence so full, that, spight of all their Invention, they were condemn'd and executed at the Place where they did the Murder ; nor was there one among the numerous Croud that went to see them die, that shew'd the least pity for them ; for their Barbarity was so great that ev'ry one receiv'd a Satisfaction in their Sufferings.

C H A P. VII.

*The reason of my breaking off with
Florella. A comical Accident. She
leaves Dublin.*

THUS did I lose a Friend, who, if he had liv'd, I believe wou'd have been of singular Service to me ; but Fortune decreed it otherwise, and I had it not as yet in my Power to shake off the scandalous Dependance I had upon *Florella* : Tho' it was very uneasy to me, for Time had in a great Measure rooted out those Transports with which our Love began, and a mutual Indifference encreas'd ev'ry Day : this occasion'd many Quarrels (for the Lady was very passionate) which I believe wou'd have produc'd some bad Consequence, had not an Accident parted us very soon.

ONE Day as *Florella* and myself had just set down to Dinner, not apprehensive of any Interruption, we heard a violent knocking at the Door, which alarm'd us terribly ; when looking ont of the
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Window we found it was *Florella's* old Gallant: this struck us into the greatest Consternation, and where to conceal myself in that Confusion I cou'd not immediately determine, and the least Glimpse of me wou'd have ruin'd *Florella* for ever.

AT last we e'en took all the Dishes, Plates, and a full Bowl of Punch that were upon the Table and put 'em under the Bed, and I crept in after them. Being thus conceal'd, *Florella* order'd the Maid to open the Door, and tell him she was gone out, which she thought wou'd immediately send him away, but it had quite another Effect; for the old Fellow being very impatient to see her, said he wou'd come in and stay 'till she return'd; this was unlucky, but however I lay still and thought myself very secure in my Retreat.

FLORELLA had conceal'd herself in the Garret, expecting every Moment when he wou'd go away; but he sat down in the Dining-room to read, and seem'd determin'd not to move 'till he had seen her.

FLORELLA finding it in vain to wait for his Departure, crept down Stairs,

Stairs, went out, and then knock'd at the Door as if she had just return'd, which was immediately open'd by the Maid, who told her with all the Formality imaginable who waited for her above.

THE old Fellow hearing her Voice, threw away his Book, and hobbled down Stairs to conduct her in; he was very inquisitive to know where she had been, but as she was excellent at a Lie, she form'd such plausible Excuses, that his Inquiry was of little Service to him, nor of any Consequence to us.

WHEN these Interrogatories were over, they were more familiar, and the old Fellow began to be very fond of her; which lengthen'd the Time so much, that my Situation felt exceedingly disagreeable; besides, it did not at all please me to hear a Man take such Liberties with a Woman, whom I look'd upon as my own; and I could scarce refrain leaving my Hole, and rescuing her out of his Hands; but the Situation of Affairs oblig'd me to lie still, and bear all patiently.

SOON as the Gentleman's toying had work'd him into a Capacity for Action, he attempted to coax her to the Bed, but the

the Lady, being conscious who was there, absolutely refus'd to comply ; but he was resolute, and his Inclination being heighten'd by her Resistance, inspir'd him with so much Strength that he took her in his Arms, and by main Force carried her into the Chamber, and threw her upon the Bed ; which was very cruel, for it was literally taking my Mistress over my Head ; however, I cou'd have put up the Affront, had nothing of worse Consequence ensu'd.

BUT Fortune seem'd determin'd to discover me, and by the oddest means she had ever yet invented to undo a secreted Lover : in short, in the Heat of the Action, the old Fellow, being heavier than the Generality of Mankind, had such an Effect upon the Bed, that the whole Frame came down souce upon poor me who lay underneath, the Bowl was dash'd in ten thousand Pieces, and the Punch ran in a full Tide into my Mouth, which was not altogether so pleasant, because it had mix'd itself with another Liquor that stood hard by, which Vessel was also broke by this Mischance. This sudden Deluge, and the Weight of the Bed together, I thought wou'd have stifled me before I cou'd get Breath to call out ;
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however, I made Noise enough for the old Fellow to hear me, who immediately leap'd off the Bed as if he had heard the Devil, which lessen'd the Pressure so much, that I had just Strength enough to crawl out, but in such a Pickle that I almost frighten'd the old Fellow into a Fit; I thought it not Discretion to wait for his Recovery, but made the best of my way out of the House, and ran as if a thousand Bailiffs had been at my Heels; and before I had got a hundred Yards, I had a pretty good Attendance, who seeing me in such a Hurry, all over wet, and without either Hat or Wig, took me for a Pick-pocket, and follow'd me with Huzzas, and all the vulgar Din that they commonly make use of when one of that sort falls into their Hands, 'till I took Shelter in a Mercer's Shop, with whom I had some small Acquaintance, and so escap'd, or else, I believe, they wou'd have made me undergo the Discipline, that by my wet Cloaths, they imagin'd I had just before suffer'd.

THE Gentleman at first was very loth, as not knowing me in that frightful Pickle, to admit me into his House; but when I told him who I was, he civilly invited me up Stairs, and told the Mob, who were

were ready to pull his House down to get at me, that I was a Gentleman, and one of his Friends, who had met with an Accident, and a very different Person from what they mistook me for; this pacified the Mob, and they went off without any farther Disturbance.

My greatest Difficulty now was to frame an Excuse for my unhappy Condition, without letting this Man know the Truth: I must confess this puzzled me, and in the hurry of Spirits I was then in, I cou'd not devise any Lie plausible enough to blind him from the Fact; so I e'en told him the whole Affair, only I took care to conceal the Names, which made it impossible for him to guess who were the Persons concern'd in this Adventure.

He was very much delighted with my Story, and told me he never saw a Gallant sent out of a Lady's Bed-chamber in such a Condition before, and then fell into such a Fit of Laughing, that he had not Power to assist in cleaning me, and I was forc'd to sit 'till his Mirth was over, before I cou'd get him to send for a clean Shirt, and other Necessaries fit to appear in, which made me almost angry, for the Affair had a quite different Effect
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upon me, since it spoil'd my best Cloaths, made me ridiculous, and in all Probability ruin'd my Mistress for ever.

Soon as I had wash'd and dress'd myself from Head to Foot ; I went to my Lodging, and wrote a Letter to *Florella*, desiring her to send me word how she came off : I gave it to a Porter, with Orders to enquire for the Maid, tell her who it came from, and desire her to give it her Mistress the first Opportunity.

THE Man was not long before he return'd, and told me he had done as I had order'd him, and the Maid promis'd to send an Answer that Night ; accordingly I waited at home in Expectation of it, and about Nine o' Clock a Messenger came and let me know that *Florella* was alone, and desir'd to speak with me. I was glad of this Opportunity to see her, tho' I cou'd pretty well guess at her Fate before I heard it.

WHEN I came in, so far from finding her in Tears, as I expected, she was all Mirth and Gaiety ; and seem'd to be very well diverted with the late Accident ; by this Behaviour I began to think I had been wrong in my Suggestions, and that

that she had turn'd her Falsehood to her Advantage ; for I have known several of these old Keepers, that have, upon a Discovery of this Sort, laid aside Resentment, and tried to secure them to themselves by a large Bribe for the future ; but if they wou'd consider Nature, they wou'd find that Gold, however powerful, is not enough so to alter Inclination.

SHE soon clear'd my Doubts, by telling me that the Captain had left her with a thousand Curses, protesting he wou'd never see her more, which, added she, I am very glad of, since I am now at liberty to bestow my Favours upon him I like best ; however, I will send to him for some Money, as a Reward for my past Services, which if he refuses to give, I'll go and tell such a Tale to his Wife, that he shall never again sleep in peace in his own House. I wou'd fain have perswaded her from this mad Scheme, telling her what ill Consequences might attend it, and that at the same Time she expos'd him, she must inevitably ruin her own Character for ever ; but she was resolute, and wou'd not give any ear to my Advice, which soon after she had reason to repent ; for after having sent a Letter to the old Fellow with-

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out Success, she went to his Lady, and told her the whole Affair, only with this Addition, that she had two Children by him, which were now living, that he had discarded her, and refus'd to assist her with any Money towards the Maintenance of the poor helpless Infants.

THE Lady, however incens'd against *Florella*, for keeping Company with her Husband, cou'd not help being touch'd with her Story, and express'd the utmost Detestation of her Husband's Cruelty. While *Florella* was thus engaging the Lady in her Interest, and satisfying her Revenge, the old Captain came hobbling in; you may imagine he was very much shock'd and amaz'd at finding his Wife and *Florella* in close Conference; and before he cou'd inquire into the Cause, she flew at him, and upbraided him with all the Malice and Inveteracy of an injur'd Wife: the old Fellow was almost struck dumb at hearing of the two Children, and it was some Time before he cou'd recover himself enough to deny what was alledg'd against him, and indeed he might as well have held his Tongue; for tho' he declar'd himself innocent of the whole Affair, and confirm'd every Word with an Oath, he cou'd not gain any Belief, but

on the Contrary, rather strengthen'd the Opinion his Wife had of his Baseness ; which so dismay'd the poor Captain that he even quitted the Field, and saved himself by Fight.

HE was no sooner gone, but his Wife began to reprove *Florella*, which she soon return'd again to Pity, by an artful moving Speech and a few feigned Tears of Repentance ; in short, she wrought so much upon the easy unsuspecting Nature of the Lady, that she desired to let her see the Children the next Day ; promising in the mean-time to employ all her Power with her Husband, to make him provide for them, and assured her, that if he remained still obstinate, and refus'd to comply, she wou'd take care of them herself, and so dismiss'd her for that Time.

FLORELLA had now obtain'd the Height of her Desires, and had satisfy'd her Revenge in the Manner she lik'd, that is, by setting the Captain's Family in an Up-roar, or to make use of her own Phrase, had got the old Rogue well worried ; but Fortune put a Stop to her Success, when she thought herself quite out of her Power.

THE Captain finding at his Return, his Wife in the same Humour and Opinion as when he left her, that all his Vows and Protestations cou'd not gain any Confidence, and had no other Effect than encreasing his Lady's Anger, flew into the greatest Passion, and swore he would clear his Innocence, tho' he expos'd himself to all the World; accordingly the next Day, without any farther Ceremony, he went to a Magistrate, and took out a Warrant against her for Scandal: *Florella*, by some Accident heard of this, and was so terrified, knowing she cou'd not make good what she had asserted, that she kept out of the Way all Day, and at Night pack'd up her Things of Value, and went on Board a Ship (the Captain of which she had some knowledge of, and who was kind enough to take her in a private Manner) just ready to sail for *France*. I knew nothing of this sudden Flight till the next Morning, when I receiv'd the following Letter.

DEAR PETER,

YOU can't be insensible of the tender Regard I have for you, the Hazards I run to entertain you, may convince you of my Sincerity; and I wou'd have gone chearfully through any Difficulties to keep up the Intimacy that has so long subsisted between us, for

I declare I never knew any Pleasure equal to that I enjoy'd in your Company, this any Body will believe, tho' from me, since what I did was by my own free Choice, without the least Hope of Profit or Advantage of any Sort; but my present Circumstances, oblige me to leave Dublin, since, if the Captain had brought me to a publick Tryal, it wou'd not only have ruin'd my Fortune, but destroy'd that little Reputation I have left, and made it impossible for me ever to get another Friend. The Money I have sav'd, out of that old Dotard's Presents, will carry me to Paris, (whither I am now bound) and will be sufficient to furnish me with Necessaries according to the Manners of that Country; which when I have got, and a little recollected my French, I will return, unless I have some considerable Offer, to England; and I don't doubt but my foreign Habit and Airs will have a very good Effect in Covent Garden, and procure me the Hearts of a number of Coxcombs, who wou'd despise me, if dress'd in the Habit of their own Country: This, dear Peter, is my Scheme, whatever may be yours I hope it will succeed; I wou'd invite you to follow me, but that my Success is too doubtful for a Friend to depend upon, therefore I wish you happy where you are; but if ever you shou'd think it your Interest to come

to England, you shall be always welcome again, dear Peter, to the Arms of your

Friend and Lover,

FLOREELA:

THIS Letter surpriz'd me very much, since it is not common for Women, like *Florella*, to express themselves in so handsome and friendly a Manner, she seems very much to desire my Company, yet wou'd have me stay behind, for fear her Enterprize shou'd not succeed and she shou'd involve me in any Trouble; which is a Consideration that cannot flow from any but a sincere Friend. Perhaps, my taking such particular Notice of this Action, may excite others to censure those of the former Part of her Life, which I think, I can in some Measure excuse: to begin with the Confusion she rais'd in *Lorenzo's* Family; 'tis true, it was bad, but was not the Effect of any Design or Desire to wrong that Lady, and of course cou'd not proceed from any ill Principle; it was owing to an Accident, and a Device, form'd in a Moment, to conceal her own Wantonness; the next was the Attempt to revenge herself on me; we must consider she was then closely attach'd to a Fellow, without the least Ho-

nour or Humanity, and his Persuasions strengthen'd by the Passion she had for him, were the sole Reasons of her Guilt, her whole Fault was the Choice of her Company ; and a Woman shou'd be very cautious, and consider well the Morals of a Man, before she settles her Affections upon him ; for when once she has given away her Heart, Love places the Object in such a fair and amiable Point of Light, that she thinks him all Perfection, and prefers his Judgment to all the rest of Mankind tho' never so weak and dishonest ; but methinks I hear some railing Prude cry out, I wonder how this Fellow will excuse her engaging with the Captain, who maintain'd her like a Gentlewoman, and at the same Time was intimate with him ; why Faith, I think all Women of that Sort, are Merchants in Pleasure, which they sell to the best Bidder, and then lay out the Profits again, in the same Sort of Goods.

AFTER finding these Excuses for her Faults, I am not ashamed to own I had a great Value for her, which her last Behaviour, when she left *Dublin*, confirm'd into Friendship.

C H A P. VIII.

*The kind Behaviour of some Friends ;
a whimsical Project to get Money.*

FL O R E L L A being gone, I was left to depend entirely upon my own Industry for a Maintenance ; Money I had but little, and where to get any more, I could not immediately find out ; however, I resolv'd not to drop the little Acquaintance I had made, but frequent the Coffee-houses, and kept Company with my Friends, as long as my Money wou'd hold out.

WHEN I had wasted above half my Stock, without having a Prospect of getting into Business, I began to despair ; and gave over all Hopes of Success by that Way of Life ; for my Companions were chiefly young Gentlemen, who did not want Money for Necessaries, but had not any Superfluity to supply their Friends with ; I found that while I cou'd pay my Club, they were glad of my Company, but the least Difficiency in my Pocket disabled me for being a Member of their

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Society. A lucky Accident discover'd their Sentiments before I wanted their Assistance, which gave me such fair Warning that I resolv'd never to go into their Company again.

ONE Evening, after having drank pretty freely, between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock, we left the Tavern, with an Intent to go to our respective Lodgings, when one of our Company, seeing a Woman coming towards him, ran to her and kiss'd her; we all follow'd his Example, and perform'd the like Ceremony; but not being satisfied with a civil Salute, some of the Company wanted to go further; which the Woman refusing, they proceeded to Violence, and made use of such rough unseemly Means, that she was oblig'd to call for help to prevent them effecting their Design: This Outcry alarm'd the Watch, who immediately came to her Assistance; they were so numerous that in less than five Minutes we found ourselves surrounded: They made but little Ceremony, for they took hold of us, and convey'd us directly to the Watch-house, where we were oblig'd to repose ourselves 'till the next Morning, when those who had taken us Prisoners wou'd carry us before a Magistrate, to consider farther of our Crime.

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THE Thought of going before a Justice frighten'd us all very much, and after a Consultation of two Hours, we agreed to send for the Woman and try to soften her Evidence with a Bribe; the Woman was poor, so she consented to take two Guineas and release us; but when we came to collect the Money, I found I had not quite so much in my Pocket as came to my Share; however, this gave me no Uneasiness, knowing there were several who cou'd supply me. I went and whisper'd one, with whom I was most intimate, but he absolutely refused me, and in so rough and unfriendly a Manner that I wou'd not ask any of the rest, especially when I saw them put on a Coldness not at all becoming the Intimacy that was between us; so I e'en made a Friend of the Constable, who lent me the Money without any Objections, such as my worthy Companions seem'd to make.

THIS Behaviour so disgusted me, that I look'd upon them with the utmost Contempt, and made me resolve, if I cou'd not find some better Company, not to keep any at all.

I HAD not abandon'd this set of Company long, but a lucky Thought struck into my Head, that was of singular Service to me; what first induced me to it was a Thing of so trifling a Nature, that nothing extraordinary cou'd be expected from it.

THE Woman that kept the Coffee-House, I every Day frequented, had a Daughter of about Seventeen Years of Age; she was beautiful and blooming, and very much admir'd by all the young Fellows that us'd the House; among the rest, I was not backward to shew my Complaisance; several of her Lovers had got so far into her Favour, as to be suffer'd to learn her different Accomplishments; one taught her to dance, another to sing, a third to play upon the Harpsicord; as I was willing to be in her good Graces, I puzzled my Brains to think of something to instruct her in that she knew nothing of, by which Means I might come in for my Share of her Favour.

ONE Day I made a Discovery that was pat to my Purpose, in short, I found out, that this young Lady, who had run thro' almost all the Sciences, cou'd not as yet Write, a Defect that is often found in Women

men of the most liberal Education : This was the properest Part for me to undertake, since it is an Art I understand the best of any ; besides here I had no Rival to contend with, for neither her Dancing, Singing, or Musick Master, knew any more of the Matter than their Scholar. The only Difficulty was how to introduce myself, for it would have been the highest Affront to suppose a Lady so well taught shou'd be incapable of knowing what every School-Boy can perform ; however, one Day, I took an Opportunity of discoursing about Writing, and said, I thought the *Italian Hand*, the Ladies of *England* now wrote, was the most beautiful in the whole World, and most agreeable to the taper Fingers of a fine Lady ; I further told her, it was the distinguishing Mark of Quality, and that we cou'd easily discover, of what Rank the Lady was, by the elegancy of her Hand ; nay, and that we cou'd give a pretty good Guess at her Age, by the Fashion of her Writing.

At this I perceiv'd a sudden Blush overspread the Lady's Cheek, as conscious of her Ignorance ; but her Teachers sat quite silent, without the least Curiosity, or once desiring to see a Specimen of that useful Art I mention'd ; but the Lady, who had

a great Inclination to be thought a Woman of Quality and Fashion, was very impatient to see a Sample of the *English* Manner of Writing: In compliance with her Desire, I immediately call'd for Pen, Ink, and Paper, and after a great deal of Nicety in mending my Pen, I wrote in a few *Italian* Characters, adorn'd with a numerous Parcel of Flourishes ; the following Lines out of *Addison*.

*The lovely Marcia tow'rs above her Sex,
True she is fair, Ob! how divinely fair,
&c.*

I had no sooner done but she express'd the highest Satisfaction, and repeated the Lines two or three Times over, with a great deal of Pleasure: Her Vanity, I suppose, immediately told her she was the lovely *Marcia*, and I the enamour'd *Juba*. It had such an Effect upon her, that from that Time she prefer'd me to all the rest of her Dangers, she began to learn that very Day, and apply'd herself wholly to the Study of Writing; as her Hand improv'd, her Affections for me increas'd. In short, in about a Month's Time I tickled her so well with my Pen, that I had the entire Possession of her Heart. By this Time, I imagine my Readers are impatient to know
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how this Scheme turn'd to my Advantage,
and i'll make what haste I can to satisfy
their Curiosity.

THE Girl had no sooner made a little Progress in this new-fashion'd way of Writing, but she sent Letters to all her Female Acquaintance, with no other Intent but to let them see the Elegancy of her Hand ; but that her Design might not be discover'd, she made a grand Entertainment, and invited all her Friends ; in this Manner, when the Day appointed came, a great many young neighbouring Ladies attended, according to my Scholar's Summons : They were no sooner met, than Conversation began, Reputations were demolish'd and Fashions cry'd up, among the latter, the new one of Writing was no contemptible Theme ; for after a great deal of Argument, it receiv'd a general Applause ; the Ladies were all desirous of learning, and begg'd my Scholar to tell them who first instructed her in it ; she told them it was one who did not make a Business of it, but a Gentleman that frequented her Mother's House every Day, who was lately come from *England*, and was a very great Proficient in the Art.

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THEY having all an Inclination to see me, it was agreed to that I shou'd be immediately sent for; I no sooner receiv'd the Message, but I dress'd myself in the best Manner I cou'd, and went according to the Ladies Desire: After the usual Ceremony, my Scholar told her Company, I was the Person, who had been so kind to instruct her in the new Fashion of Writing, at which every Lady made me a Curtsey, and seem'd to wish I wou'd take the same Pains with them; but as I appear'd like a Gentleman, their Modesty wou'd not suffer them at first Sight to ask so great a Favour.

AT last one of the smartest in the Company ask'd me if I cou'd not recommend some Body to teach her the new Hand; Lord, Madam, said I, there is not above three in all *England* capable of teaching the Art; and I am sure not one here, it being a Piece of Gentility entirely unknown in this Part of the World; this threw them almost into Despair, and even drew Tears from some of the Company; others threatened to leave their Parents and go to *England* to learn, preferring a new Fashion to the Quiet of their whole Family.

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THIS Eagerness of the Ladies put a Scheme into my Head that I had never before thought on, and such a Probability of Success appearing in it, I immediately put it into Execution ; “ Ma-
 “ dam, said I (to the Lady who first
 “ address’d herself to me, who appear’d
 “ the most dejected in the whole Com-
 “ pany) I wou’d not have you melan-
 “ cholly upon this Occasion ; for your lau-
 “ dable Desire of being instructed in so
 “ useful and polite an Art, has made me
 “ resolve to discover a Secret, which I
 “ thought never to divulge to you. In
 “ short, Madam, I am the very Person
 “ who first invented this nice distinguish-
 “ ing way of Writing, and have had the
 “ Honour of teaching all the top Quality in
 “ *England*. I came here to visit a Friend
 “ (whom I hear is dead) without any
 “ Design of following my Business ; but
 “ as I find it is the general Inclination
 “ to learn, in Compliance with your Re-
 “ quest, Ladies, I will put myself up-
 “ on the footing of a Teacher, and do
 “ the best I can to make you all Profi-
 “ cients in my Art. My Price in *Eng-
 “ land* was four Guineas a Month, but
 “ as the teaching of the Ladies here will
 “ be rather Amusement than Business, I
 “ will

“ will take no more than two Guineas,
 “ which I am sure not any will scruple
 “ to give. ” — I was oblig’d to say
 this, lest as they were not Women of Qua-
 lity, but Tradesmen’s Daughters, the Great-
 ness of the Sum might prevent their be-
 coming my Scholars ; not but I believe
 the Girls wou’d having given twice as
 much, but their Parents were to be con-
 sulted, and People who have gone thro’
 the Fatigue of getting their Money, are
 not so apt to throw it away upon every
 new whim, as those who come to it, by
 Birth.

THE Company was very well pleas’d
 with my Confession, and all promis’d to
 be my Scholars ; yet I cou’d immediately
 perceive a cold distant Behaviour attend
 the owning myself a Writing-Master,
 which was not put on while I pass’d for
 a Gentleman. The Word Gentleman is a
 Passport that admits a Man to be free,
 and makes him welcome in all the So-
 cieties in *Europe*, and so indeed, it ought,
 when the requisite Qualifications are an-
 nex’d to the Title ; but how often are
 they quite afunder ? How often does that
 Name introduce the Fool, the Knave,
 and the Scoundrel, into most noble As-
 semblies, and procure him Honour and
 Respect,

Respect, when if he was treated as he deserves, shou'd be banish'd from the Converse of Mankind ; while one with all the Virtues the Title implies, if he has not the good Fortune to get the Coat, shall be despis'd and shunn'd. The Name of Gentleman is as compunctive as that of *Merry Andrew*, since we are oblig'd by Custom to honour one and laugh at the other, tho' too often we might with Justice change the Ceremony.

Soon as the Discourse of Writing was over, I perceiv'd by the Behaviour of the Company, that they look'd upon my Presence as a Bar to their Mirth, such a quick Change had the Knowledge of my Condition made ; so I e'en went away very well pleas'd with what I had done.

C H A P.

CH A P. IX.

*The Progress I made in my Business,
and the odd Characters I met
with.*

THE next Morning I went to the Coffee-house as usual, where I had not been a quarter of an Hour, before the Girl came and told me, that there had been two Messengers to look for me, who, not finding me, had left Directions, desiring I wou'd wait upon the Ladies as soon as conveniently I cou'd ; this was a very agreeable Piece of News, and I went immediately to the Places mention'd in the Notes.

THE first Visit I made was to Miss Giddy, who had been one of the Company the Night before: I saw her standing at the Door ready to conduct me to her Father, who waited to make a Bargain with me ; but before she carry'd me in she whisper'd me, and desir'd I wou'd take no notice where I had seen her last Night, which, when I had promis'd

mis'd not to mention, she introduc'd me to her Parents, who were at Breakfast in the Parlour.

I HAD scarce got within the Door before the old Fellow, who was half blind, and almost quite deaf, put on his Spectacles, and took a very nice Survey of me, and the grave Lady his Wife was no less curious in her Observations; when they had satisfy'd themselves with staring at me, they desir'd I wou'd sit down; which I had no sooner done, but he open'd his Business thus :

“ SIR, my Daughter tells me, that you
 “ have a particular way of learning Girls
 “ to write, especially in the Court Fa-
 “ shion; now I am willing she shou'd
 “ learn, but first I desire to see a Sample
 “ of your Work for I don't care to take
 “ any Body's Word in Matters of this
 “ Consequence, and so, pray Sir, give it
 “ me under your Hand”. I thought this
 an odd Stile, but I was not so much sur-
 priz'd when I heard he was a Money-
 Scrivener, for I knew they are a Set of
 very incredulous People, and must have
 good Security before they can believe.

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THE Pen, Ink and Paper being brought, I sat down and wrote in a whimsical manner, finely flourish'd, these Words, "*How honourable is Age!*" then gave it to the old Fellow to examine. He had no sooner read it but cries out, Ay, so it is indeed; then, turning to me, I wish, Sir, every body thought as you do; and the Lady was no less pleas'd with my Sentiment; but the Daughter turn'd to the Glass, and fell a laughing. When they had made many Encomiums on my Writing, the Father began to talk about the Price; I told him two Guineas a Month (which I was forced to repeat a dozen times before he heard what I said.) How, said he, two Guineas a Month! 'tis an exorbitant demand: why, Sir, do you know that I can have my Daughter taught all Law-hands for half the Money? and I am sure they are much fitter for Business: Ay, Sir, (said I) but not for Ladies Business; why, if she was to send a Letter wrote in a Law-hand to a Person of Quality, they wou'd immediately throw it into the Fire without reading it; for however useful it may be in some Cases, the People of Fashion in *England* have an utter Aversion to any thing that looks like Law, they immediately imagine a Letter

ter in that Hand, is a Demand, and has the Aspect of an insolent Action from a Creditor. Ay, Papa, said the young one, and one wou'd not willingly frighten one's Acquaintance. These Arguments were of no use, for the old Fellow continu'd obstinate, and positively said, he wou'd give but one Guinea per Month, which I absolutely refus'd to take, and was going away without any farther Dispute; but the old Lady follow'd me to the Door, and told me her Husband was old and positive, but if I wou'd seem to accept of his Proposals, she wou'd pay me the other Guinea out of her own Pocket, rather than have her Daughter baulk'd, saying that she wou'd have her as polite and genteel as e'er a Dutchess in *England*. Upon this I turn'd back, and told the Father I wou'd accept of what he offer'd, when I thought the old Man look'd as if he thought he had over-bid himself, and had a mind to be off his Bargain. However, after a great many Hums and Haws, he confirm'd his Words. Every thing being settled, as I thought, I desir'd he wou'd fix what Days I shou'd wait on the Lady; after a great deal of Consideration they chose *Wednesdays* and *Fridays*; but the old Fellow told me, I need not come 'till the next Week, against

against which Time he wou'd draw up an Article of Agreement, which I must sign before his Daughter commenc'd my Scholar : I own I cou'd hardly forbear laughing in his Face at all this Ceremony about such a Trifle ; but I consented to ev'ry thing he desir'd, so took my leave and went as my other Summons directed.

It did not need much Inquiry to find the Place, for the Man was the most noted Shoemaker in the whole City ; I found him walking about his Shop in a fine Night-gown, and when I told him who I was, he conducted me into the Parlour with as much Ceremony as if I had been one of his best Customers, tho' I did not much like his Complaisance ; for I judg'd by that, he had seen something of the polite World, and might very possibly be too cunning to be taken in by such a weak Invention as mine was ; however, I was oblig'd to pursue my Scheme, and depend on my Impudence for the Success.

I HAD scarce seated myself before he began to question me about this new way of Writing ; for, said he, it is not above fifteen Years since I left *England,*

land, and there was not any such Particularity in the Hands of the Women of Quality, most of 'em wrote a damn'd unmeaning Scrall, and ran their Lines from the top Corner of the Paper to the opposite Bottom ; and, I am sure, Sir, continu'd he, I have seen as much of their Writing as any Body ; for I can say it, and, I think, without Vanity, that I have known more of many a Woman of Quality than the Length of her Foot. Here he began, and told me several of his Amours, but as they were tiresome to me, I forbear repeating them, lest they shou'd prove so to my Readers.

I SAT very patiently, and let him tell me a hundred Lies without any Interruption, unless it was a Smile of Approbation ; but when he had done, I burst into a loud Laugh, and applauded his Gallantry, as far as all the Flattery I cou'd muster up wou'd go ; which pleas'd him so that he went on and told me twenty more, highly delighted that he had entertain'd me so well ; 'till at last I was oblig'd to be honestly ill-manner'd, and give him no more Applause than he deserv'd, which a little untun'd him, and gave him Time to recollect the Business I came about. Well, Sir, said he, but
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this is foreign to our Business ; I sent for you to learn my Daughter to write ; now, Sir, you must know she is a compleat Mistress of the common Hands that we use here ; but she tells me you have a particular Way, and can teach her to use her Pen with the same Delicacy that the Ladies of *England* do ; Sir, I shou'd be glad to see some of your Work, is it like Law, Text, or Round Hand ; no Sir, reply'd I, 'tis quite opposite to any of these ; the Law Hand is like so many Letters in Masquerade, admir'd only for their Deformity, and the Difficulty we must go thro' before we can know 'em ; Text, is a Hand fit only for the Army, and was first made use of by a Grenadier, who had a Mind his Hand shou'd look as big as himself ; and as to your Round Hand, which is generally made use of, it is a nasty gross Hand ; it looks over-grown in the Belly, and always conveys an Idea to me of Grease and Debauchery, and was certainly first invented by some fat Farmer. Now, Sir, mine is quite different from all these, for it has neither the ill Shape of the Law, the bulky Look of the Text, nor the Plumpness of the Round Hand ; for it is strait and taper as a fine Lady, mild and tender as a dying Lover, innocent and nice, and has

as many *Pianos*, *Flourishes* and *Graces* as an *Italian* Singer, and in *England* has as much Command over the fine Ladies Hearts as e'er an Eunuch of them all : Pray, said he, do the Men study this Art, for I have lately receiv'd several Letters of Business from *England*, yet never had one wrote any thing like what you mention. Yes, reply'd I, the Men of polite Taste are as great Proficients in it as the Women, but they never make use of it about Business; but when they write *Billets Doux*, or Songs to their Mistresses, they always do it in this fashionable Hand, which at once shews their Breeding and Taste.

He made several Objections to what I said, which I answer'd as well as I cou'd, 'till in the End I gave him such an Idea of the Use and Gentility of my Art that he engag'd me to teach his Daughter, and withal agreed to give me three Guineas a Month, which was no bad Bargain on my Side.

FINDING I was likely to have some good Scholars, I sat down every Day two Hours by myself to consider of proper Flourishes, and other Ornaments, to make my new-fashion'd Hand agreeable and

particular, that my fair Pupils might not discover the Fraud ; I succeeded as I desired, for I soon found such out-of-the-way Letters, and odd ways to join them, that not any Body suspected the Truth of what I had told them.

I WENT on for upwards of a Fortnight without hearing of any more Scholars than the two first I agreed with ; this a little discourag'd me, and I was apprehensive my Scheme wou'd not answer so well as I expected ; but the following Week gave me a quite different Idea, for in three Days I was sent to by no less than eight several People, seven of which I engag'd with, *viz.* the Mayor's Daughter, a Taylor's Niece, the natural Child of an Officer, a kept Lady, an Innkeeper's Daughter, the Bar Maid of a Tavern, and a young Actress, who was very famous for Intrigues : the eighth was a Woman of Quality, who sent for me to teach her Daughter, but coming into her Room I unhappily trod upon her Lap-dog's Foot, which so enrag'd her, that after huffing me for the Injury I had done her Favourite, she bid me be gone : I offer'd to make any Attonement, ev'n tho' it were asking the Puppy's pardon ; but it wou'd not do, my Crime was too great to be forgiven,

forgiven, and I was forc'd to leave the House before the Lady's Anger cou'd be asswag'd.

THE Income from these Scholars, tho' I had different Prices from them, amounted to above twenty Guineas a Month, which was not a contemptible Salary, and they increas'd every Day so much, that I was forc'd to refuse some, because I had not time to attend them; besides the Money, which was very acceptable, I had the Pleasure of being invited into the best of Company, where ev'ry one look'd upon me as an ingenious honest Gentleman.

INDEED I was subject to the different Humours of my Pupils, some of which were exceedingly troublesome; the Taylor's Daughter was so fond of learning that I found it difficult to get from her; but the Actress was of quite another Temper, for she wou'd not learn once out of five times; she had always a Pain in the Head, or at the Stomach, tho' she wou'd keep me longer than if I had done my Business, entertaining me with a Catalogue of the Symptoms of her Diseases; which was so tiresome to me, that I often wish'd myself disengag'd from her; however, as she paid me well, I bore it with mor-

tifying Patience ; but the most troublesome of all my Scholars was the Person I am now going to speak of.

ONE Morning, as I was dressing, a Footman came to me, and told me his Master desir'd to speak me ; I enquir'd who he was, and where he liv'd, but the Man wou'd not satisfy me ; but said, he wou'd stay 'till I was dress'd, and shew me to his Master ; accordingly I went with him.

WHEN I came in, I found an old Gentleman with a great pair of Spectacles on, reading by the Fire-side, who, soon as he saw me, got up as well as he cou'd (for he was very lame) and saluted me, desiring I wou'd sit down, for he wanted to talk with me ; which I had no sooner done, but he took off his Spectacles, and told me he had a mind to learn the new-fashion'd manner of Writing, saying he was going to *England*, and was unwilling to appear in any Country, without being qualified like other Gentlemen of the Place.

THIS Inclination for Fashion, in a Man of his Years, and so much diseas'd, quite astonish'd me, and I had much ado
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to forbear laughing in his Face ; however, I kept my Countenance, and told him I shou'd be very proud of the Honour of instructing him. Nay, Sir, said he, I will give you your Price, for I have a very quick Genius, and shall soon learn ; but you must not publish I am your Scholar, for I have been in *Italy* some Years, from whence you say this Fashion first came, and the World will laugh at me if they shou'd know I have not attain'd so trifling a thing as this is by my Travels.

I IMMEDIATELY imagin'd it wou'd be a very difficult Task, and give me a great deal of Trouble to learn a Man to write that cou'd not see, so I proportion'd my Price to the Pains I knew I must take, and ask'd him five Guineas a Month, which he never once scrupled to give, but agreed to my Proposal, and appointed me to begin with him next Morning.

WHEN I came, there were Pen Ink and Paper, and every thing proper ready upon the Table ; after the usual Ceremony I sat down and wrote a Copy, which when I had done, my old Pupil put on his Spectacles, and began to imitate ; but alas ! his Eyes fail'd him so much before

he had wrote three Words, that the old Gentleman taking off his Glafs Eyes to wipe them, cou'd not find the Place again, where he left off at, and I was forc'd to guide his Hand before he cou'd get right, and then he made his Letters some little and some big, some above and some below, in such a ridiculous manner, that I cou'd not help smiling ev'ry time I look'd at them ; when he had scrawl'd half a Sheet of Paper over, I told him he had better leave off, for it wou'd tire his Eyes too much to proceed any farther at that time. No, said he, I can see now as well as I did the first Line, which I had not any reason to disbelieve, for they were all of a Piece from Top to Bottom ; however, I perswaded him to desist, and escap'd for that time.

THE next Visit was more insufferable than the last, for the old Fellow made me guide his Hand to every Letter, and if I found any Fault with it, oblig'd me to mend it before he wou'd proceed : this was so disagreeable to me, that I had a great mind to tell him his Defect, and perswade him not to pursue Writing any farther ; but before I did this, a Thought came into my Head that was more to
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my Purpose : In short, I made him believe that he drew ev'ry Letter in the nicest manner, and tho' he made but unmeaning Scrawls, I applauded his Performance at ev'ry Stroke, which so tickled him, that he was better pleas'd with me ev'ry time he saw me ; and wou'd often say, " did not I tell you, I had a quick " Genius ! "

AFTER he had gone on for about six Weeks, I told him he had no farther Occasion for me, and that it wou'd be only throwing away his Money to pay a Tutor, when he was Master of the Art : his Vanity immediately made him believe what I said ; and after giving me a thousand Thanks and ten Guineas, he dismiss'd me from any farther Attendance.

MY Scholars encreas'd daily and Money came in a-pace, so much that at the Year's End I found myself Master of a hundred and fifty Guineas, besides a great deal of good Linnen, some Cloaths, a Gold Watch, and several other useful things that I had bought out of my Profits. However, in a little time after I had reason to believe the first Run was over, for People did not seem so eager as at first : as my old Scholars went off,

I had not new ones enough to supply their Places, so that when I had made my hundred and fifty Pounds two hundred Guineas, I had thoughts of leaving off the Business, and quitting *Dublin*, in order to go to *Cadiz*, where I had hopes of meeting with the charming *Leonora* ; for tho' my unhappy Circumstances had made me give over all thoughts of ever seeing her again, yet having now some Money, and Things proper to appear in, my Passion return'd, and I was very desirous to spend the little matter, I had obtain'd by my Industry, in pursuit of my Love.

CHAP.

C H A P. X.

Of my meeting with Phillippo. The Reason of his long Absence and his good Success.

WHILE I was in doubt whether I shou'd follow *Leonora*, or return to *England*, one Day, walking upon the Keys, a Gentleman very well dress'd met me, and starting, cry'd, Is it possible ! the Surprise of the Man amaz'd me, for I cou'd not immediately recollect his Face, which he perceiving, said, is not your Name *John-le-Brun* ? Yes, I reply'd, and is it possible, said he, you should forget your Friend and School-fellow *Phillippo* ? At that Word my Heart felt an unusual Transport, and I run into his Arms, with all the Pleasure of a sincere Friend.

OUR Satisfaction was so great, and our Expressions so loud, that the People began to take notice of us, which oblig'd us to retire into a Tavern, where we had an Opportunity of indulging our mutual Joy, without being observ'd by vulgar

Eyes, who not knowing the Delights of Friendship, of course wou'd think us mad.

WHEN the Transports of our first meeting were a little over, I began to enquire where he had been, that I had neither seen nor heard of him in so long a time, that, said he, is too long to tell you now; but I will take another Opportunity, and have such a Story to tell you, that at once will surprize and please you: 'tis true, I have but little share in it myself, but my two Masters, who have us'd me more like their Friend than Servant, are both deeply engag'd in it, and I doubt not but to hear of my Benefactor's Welfare will give you as much Pleasure as if it were my own, since my Ruin intirely depended upon theirs.

HE ask'd me a thousand Questions concerning my Fortune since he left me, all which I answer'd: then in my Turn I took the Liberty of Friendship to enquire into his own particular Affairs; and chiefly how he came dress'd in that manner, for when I saw him last he wore a Livery, and was now accouter'd like a Gentleman, which was the reason I did not immediately recollect him when he
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first spoke to me, *Philippo*; made no Scruple of satisfying my Curiosity, but gave me the following Account of his good Fortune.

You may remember the reason of my going into Service, was the unnatural and barbarous Usage of my Father, who, instead of providing for his Family, married, (as I then thought) a common Prostitute; and turn'd out his Children to seek their Bread from Strangers; I luckily got to wait on *Theodore* and *Guzman*, in whose Service I was when you saw me last, and where I have continu'd ever since 'till within these two Months, when Fortune gave me back my Right, and plac'd me in the Circumstances you now see me; the Occasion was this,

AFTER I had been in *Paris* with my Masters (the reason of which I will tell you some other time,) we return'd to *England*, where I had not been a Week, before a Servant (who liv'd with my Father when my Mother was living, and I was in his Favour; but was dismiss'd from his Service at the same time that I was turn'd out of Doors, the new Lady being unwilling to have any Remains of the former Family under her

her Roof,) came to me, and told me that my Father was given over by the Physicians, and that it was almost impossible he cou'd live two Days; advising me to consult with some Lawyer, and lay claim to his Effects, he being well assur'd the Woman he liv'd with was not his Wife; for, said he, ever since I was discharg'd, I have kept a watchful Eye upon all the Transactions of the Family, and the better to get into its Secrets, I got acquainted with a Servant, who now lives in the House, who has declar'd that he has heard them both drop some suspicious Words that convinc'd him, that they were not so lawfully united, as appears to the World.

I KNEW not what to do in this Exigence, for I had but little Money and few Friends, and I was apprehensive that if I laid my claim, it wou'd immediately commence a Law Suit, which I was very sensible I had not Money sufficient to go thro' with, and yet was loth to lose my Right for want of demanding it: I had but one Way, which was to acquaint my Masters with the Business; accordingly I took the Fellow who had given me this Intelligence, and carry'd him to *Theodore*, where he repeated the Affair,
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with all the Circumstances as he had told it me.

THEODORE, with his usual good Nature, immediately encourag'd me to bring an Action, and take Possession of his Estate and Goods ; and to that End he sent for a Lawyer, an Acquaintance of his, to prosecute the Affair, who when he had heard the Circumstances assur'd me, I shou'd recover my Right, without much Trouble or Expence.

THE Gentleman made no Delay, but went and took out a proper Warrant, and engag'd some fit Officers to be ready to take Possession as soon as we heard my Father was expir'd ; which being done, the Lawyer went himself and enquir'd after his Health, and receiv'd for answer, that he had been dead twelve Hours ; upon which he summon'd his Mirmidons, who burst into the House, and in my Name laid Claim to all that was there.—The Lady no sooner heard the Business, but she came and abus'd us very handsomely, which we made no other Answer to, but turning her, her two Children, and all the Servants, immediately out of Doors ; we then proceeded to take an Inventory of the Goods, but was very much

much disappointed, when we found that the Plate, Jewels, and other things of that sort, were all convey'd out of the House as we suppos'd by this cunning Harlot, during my Father's Sickness, which convinc'd us, she had some Apprehensions of what wou'd happen after his Death, and in some measure assur'd us she was not his Wife ; after we had settled what was in the House, we remov'd the dead Body to an Undertakers in the Neighbourhood, and then putting a Padlock upon the Door, we left it to consider in what manner to bury my Father.

WHEN the Funeral was over I went with my Lawyer, in order to remove the Goods, and examine the Writing left in his Bureau ; but we were very much surpriz'd to find another Padlock clap'd upon the Door ; it did not at all please me, because it seem'd to say she wou'd dispute my Title, and I had always terrible Apprehensions of going to Law.

WHILE we were in a Consternation at this unexpected Turn, a Porter came and told us a Gentleman at the Tavern just by desir'd to speak with us ; when we came, we found an Attorney who was employ'd for the Lady, he made
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very light of us, and said the Lady cou'd prove her Marriage, and he wou'd bring Actions against us for the scandalous Reports we had spread concerning his Client: my Attorney, in answer, threaten'd to indict her for a Robbery, for taking the Plate and Jewels out of the House, which she had no Title to; however, after a long Squabble, he let us know she was willing to compound the Affair upon reasonable Terms, which we absolutely refus'd, being pretty confident, she wou'd never come into a Composition, if she had any Hopes of gaining her Cause; so we parted resolv'd to try whose Right was best.

BUT when I came to consider coolly; I found myself very much inclin'd to hear what Terms she wou'd make, being willing to part with a little, to get into quiet Possession of the rest: I told my Lawyer my Opinion, who was an honest Man, and not like most of the Profession for encouraging of Contention; he very readily agreed with what I said; and promis'd to take the first Opportunity, and hear what Proposals she wou'd make.

ACCORDINGLY he appointed her Attorney to meet him; but I will not tire you, said he, with repeating all the uncouth

couth Conversation that pass'd between the two Lawyers, nor the unreasonable Terms the Woman at first propos'd ; let it suffice, that after a great deal of wrangling, I was oblig'd to consent to this Proportion, or have enter'd in a long Suit ; first, that whatever things of Value she had convey'd out of the House, during my Father's Illness, she shou'd keep ; that all her Clothes, and other things belonging to her Dress, shou'd be deliver'd to her ; and lastly, I bound myself to allow the two Children twenty five Pounds a Year a-piece for ten Years to come, to pay for their Education ; which last Article I was very willing to come into, for as they were my Father's Children (tho' not born in Wedlock) I thought myself oblig'd to take some Care of them. These Articles being agreed to and executed, I was put into full Possession of the rest of my Father's Fortune, which, tho' not very great, is enough to make me happy ; since it will set me above the Cares of the World, and allow me to take a moderate Share of its Pleasures ; but the greatest Satisfaction I find in it is, that it has put it in my Power to relieve my Friends in Necessity.

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THIS generous Sentiment of *Philippo's* gave me no little Pleasure, since it convinc'd me that the Alteration of Fortune had not corrupted his Morals, but rather added new Vigour to that noble Disposition to do good that I had always found in him. Giving Fortune to some, is like dipping them in the *Lethe*, which immediately makes them forget their own past Distresses, and insensible to those of their Friends.

PHILLIPPO having ended his Relation, said, he must take his Leave of me that Time, having appointed a Gentleman who was to pay him some Money, which was the Reason of his coming to *Dublin*; after he had promis'd to meet me the next Day, and give me an Account his Master's Adventures, we parted, and I went to the few Scholars I had still remaining in my Care.

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C H A P. XI.

The History of THEODORE and
GUZMAN.

PHILLIPPO the next Day met me, according to his Appointment, and setting down gave me the following Account of *Theodore* and *Guzman*, which was the reason I had not seen him since he first introduc'd me into *Lorenzo's* Family.

You may remember (said he) I gave you some time ago, a particular Account of the Different Tempers of my Masters; the exalted and philosophical Manners of *Theodore*, and the polite gallant Behaviour of *Guzman*; yet tho' their Notions of Happiness were quite opposite, they liv'd in perfect Harmony, and were always striving to make Life agreeable to each other; their Parents perceiving the mutual Love that from their Infancy subsisted between them, left their Estate, which was about six hundred Pounds a Year betwixt them, to be divided if occasion shou'd require, as they shou'd

shou'd agree, being very confident their Friendship and Honour wou'd never suffer them to wrong each other.

As *Theodore's* Pleasures lay chiefly in Books and Study, they were not so expensive as those of his Brother's, whose main Happiness was to be caress'd by the *Beau Monde*, therefore *Guzman* had the best part of their Fortune at his Disposal, while *Theodore* contented himself with little ; Intrigues were what he never was acquainted with, nor ever much coveted the Conversation of Women ; but however indifferent he might be to the Sex, he met with one that rais'd in him the most extravagant Passion, and transported his honest Heart into all the Extasy of Love.

FLORELLA (a Lady of Quality) frequented the same Walks, where *Theodore* often retir'd to indulge his Thoughts, and contemplate on Objects too sublime for any Place but the most solitary Retreat ; this Lady, who was much of the same Disposition, had, for some Time, observ'd with Pleasure the Pains he took to attain to Wisdom, and greatly admir'd the sedate Choice of his Study ; 'till at length Admiration grew into Love, and she

she began to feel those secret Pangs that afflict the enamour'd Heart : her encreasing Passion quickly propos'd the means to introduce herself into his Company, which she did in this manner.

SHE retir'd into a shady Grove at the End of a private walk which *Theodore* chiefly frequented ; whom, as soon as she saw, she began to sing, and with such harmonious Delicacy, that it immediately attracted his Attention, and fix'd him motionless to listen to the engaging Sound.

THE Song being ended, *Theodore* hasten'd towards the Place from whence the Sound came, and on a sudden saw *Florella*, who look'd with such an innocent and engaging Look,* that might have pierc'd the most obdurate Breast, and charm'd another *Cimon* into Love. *Theodore*, tho' naturally bashful, and unus'd to Compliments, cou'd not help thanking the Lady for the Pleasure she had given him by her Music ; from this they enter'd into Conversation, in which *Florella* behav'd with so much Decency, and made such sensible Replies, that *Theodore* was no less enamour'd with her Understanding, than her Person and Voice ; his Behaviour was such that the Lady had not
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any room to doubt, but she had made a Conquest ; and her Complaisance, and friendly Answers to what he said, tho' cloath'd with the utmost Modesty, were of such a sort that seem'd to say, she had more than common Pleasure in conversing with him.

THEIR Conversation was long, and wou'd have been much more so, had not some Ladies broke in upon their Privacy, and desir'd their Company to walk ; they cou'd not deny their Request, and so unwillingly join'd them ; but I believe they had been both better pleas'd, had they been left longer by themselves. — When Night came, and the Company separated, *Theodore* took *Florella* by the Hand, and with a Blush, that shew'd his secret Passion, begg'd she wou'd tell him when he shou'd see her again ; she, with a careless Smile, said, I generally walk here in an Evening, and so left him.

THEODORE went directly home, full of the Idea of *Florella's* Beauty ; she had made such an Impression upon him that his whole Study was how to compass her, he cou'd neither eat nor sleep ; but took great Pleasure in repeating the most tender Lines of *Ovid*, and the rest of the

the Poets, who have made Love their Theme. In one of these Extasies his Brother happen'd to enter his Chamber, who seeing *Theodore* in such an unusual Transport, immediately imagin'd that deep Study had turn'd his Brain: he ask'd him several times the cause of his Disorder, but cou'd get no other Answer than a deep fetch'd Sigh! *Guzman*, surpriz'd and frighten'd at this Alteration made use of all the Arguments he cou'd summon up to assuage his Agony; but all in vain, for the more he talk'd, the more his Uneasiness encreas'd; which *Guzman* perceiving, recommended Rest for his Physician, and left him full of hearty Wishes for his Recovery.

WHILE *Theodore* was thus transported by his Passion, *Florella* was no less so with her Conquest; but I believe wou'd not have been so well pleas'd, had she known what Torments *Theodore* endur'd that Night.

WHEN Morning came, the first thing *Guzman* did was to enquire after his Brother's Health; *Theodore*, asham'd to let his Brother know his Weakness, having often blam'd him upon the like Occasion, conceal'd the Truth, and told him it was
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but an Indisposition in his Head, which was greatly abated since the last Night, and that he did not doubt but a little Air wou'd entirely recover him; this satisfied *Guzman*, and he left him for that time.

THEODORE remain'd in this doubtful Situation for many Days, and tho' he had frequent Meetings with his Mistress, cou'd not discover her Sentiments of his Passion; but however cautious she was of disclosing them to her Lover, her Actions plainly discover'd she had a very favourable Opinion of *Theodore's* Passion.

JULIO, a Man of Birth and Fortune had long made his Addresses to *Florella*, which she had not intirely repuls'd, nor yet given any great Encouragement to, which gave the Lover leave to construe her Behaviour as was most agreeable to himself, and 'till now never despair'd of obtaining her: but she having engag'd her whole Heart to *Theodore*, began to be more disgusted at the Importunities of *Julio*, wou'd not suffer him to visit her, and refus'd (which she had never done before) to talk with him wherever he met her, 'till in the End he grew so odious to her, that she gave him an absolute Denial, and begg'd he wou'd never trouble her any more:

more; this sudden Alteration in her Behaviour, threw the unfortunate Lover almost into Despair; but being a Man of Spirit, and passionately fond of *Florella*, he cou'd not give over the Chace so easily as she imagin'd; he wrote her several Letters, but without Success, for she always return'd them unopen'd; this stung him so, that Anger immediately took place of Love, which, join'd with Jealousy, made him very inquisitive to find out the Cause of his being repuls'd in such an uncommon manner; to this End he set his Servant to watch where *Florella* frequented, and what Company generally was with her.

THE Man having an Intimacy with *Florella's* Woman, *Isabel*, soon discover'd that *Theodore* was the Man for whom *Julio* had been so suddenly discarded; this he told his Master, who, full of Revenge and Gall, immediately resolv'd to sacrifice the belov'd Author of his Misfortunes: to that End he wrote a Challenge, but before he sent it, recollected that to displant him in *Florella's* Favour, and make her use *Theodore* in the same manner she had treated him, wou'd be more ample Revenge than any the Sword cou'd give.

JULIO

JULIO, in order to injure my Master in his Love, sent for *Isabel*, who knew all her Lady's Secrets ; whom he no sooner saw but a little Flattery and a large Bribe brought over to his Interest.

IN the mean time *Theodore* and *Florella* pursu'd their Love, which had advanc'd so far, that she declar'd her good Opinion of him, and made a solemn Promise of Marriage. The happy Pair being thus engag'd to each other, indulg'd in their mutual Happiness, nor once suspected it was in the Power of Fortune to annoy them.

THE Money paid down, and promise of more if she succeeded, had prejudic'd *Isabel* so much in favour of *Julio*, that she took every Opportunity to disparage the Virtues of my Master ; but finding *Florella* gave no Ear to what she said, she went farther, and by her damn'd Stratagem rais'd such Jealousy in them that might have been fatal to both.

ONE Evening, when *Theodore* took leave of his Mistress, *Isabel* heard him promise to wait on her in the Morning ; this she thought the best time to begin

her Baseness; accordingly, early the next Day she went to *Theodore*, and told him with a sorrowful Face, that her Mistress begg'd he wou'd not come to her House 'till she sent to him, there being a Person there not proper for him to see.

THIS unexpected Message, surpriz'd my Master very much, and made him inquisitive to know who this Person was; which *Isabel* wou'd not tell him, tho' her dejected Look, seem'd to say it was some body who was no Friend to their Happiness; he intreated her to let him know the Truth, which she refus'd for some Time, but when she had work'd him up almost into a Fit of Madness, upon his swearing to be secret, she thus unravell'd the Mystery.

You must know, Sir, (said she) that about three Years ago, my Lady engag'd with a young Gentleman who was then going to Sea for two Years, to marry him as soon as he shou'd return; the Settlements were drawn and sign'd to, and nothing wanting to compleat the Affair, but the Ceremony of the Church. This Gentleman, as I said before, staid twelve Months longer than he expected, which made my

Mistress

Mistress believe she was clear of the Engagement ; but he is now return'd, and insists upon the Business being compleated ; this has thrown my Lady into such an Agony as cannot be express'd ; for the Gentleman will commence a Law Suit rather than lose her and her Fortune ; and she, I think, ought to part with Life, rather than break her promise to you ; tho', said she (in order to inflame my Master the more) I believe, were she left to the Choice of her Inclinations, she wou'd stick to her first Love, but as she has given her Word to you, I know her Honour will oblige her to refuse both.

THEODORE was like one distracted at hearing of this News, and, being instigated by the most violent Passion, resolved immediately to seek this new Rival, and force him to resign his Claim, or give him the Satisfaction the Injury requir'd : but *Isabel* quickly allay'd this sudden start of Passion, and told him, that her Mistress was now contriving how to disappoint him, and that she did not doubt, but if he wou'd have Patience, he in a little time wou'd be in full Possession of her. This pacify'd *Theodore*, and he promis'd not to visit *Flo-*

rella, nor think of any Violence 'till he had heard her Resolution.

THUS far was *Isabel* successful, and the poor deceiv'd *Theodore*, at present the only Sufferer by her Baseness, whom she had left in the greatest Agony of Love and Jealousy.

WHEN she came home, she found *Florella* full of Expectation, and thinking every Moment an Age 'till *Theodore* came, as he had promis'd; when the deceitful *Isabel*, as touch'd with her Mistress's Uneasiness, burst into Tears, and said, she had the most unhappy Story to relate, that ever yet had reach'd her Ears; but, continu'd she, as you must know it, I had better tell it than a Stranger, who, perhaps, wou'd make such cruel Additions as wou'd distract you. This dreadful Preparation so surpriz'd *Florella*, that she was ready to sink with the Apprehension of what was to follow: *Isabel* wou'd hardly let her recover, before she told her that *Theodore* had the same Engagement, that she had before told him her Mistress was subject to; adding, that the Friends of the young Lady, were resolv'd to insist upon her Right, tho' they spent her

her whole Fortune in obtaining it ; this, continu'd she, I had from his Man *Philippo*, who was present when the thing broke out, and heard the whole Affair ; and, I think, said she, his not coming this Morning according to his Appointment, is a Confirmation of the Truth of what I say.

THUS were two Lovers separated from each others Company, by the Baseness of a Servant, and each accusing the other of Perfidiousness, without having the Pleasure of a Meeting to clear up the Mystery ; *Florella* expected every Hour to see *Theodore*, whose not coming made her believe all she had heard ; while he sat in painful Anxiety, thinking to hear from her, but her Silence made him immediately imagine she had quite forsaken him. *Theodore*, indeed, wrote several Letters to *Florella*, which he put into *Isabel's* Hands to deliver, but she took care never to let her Mistress see them : *Theodore*, not receiving any Answer, began to have but a mean Opinion, both of the Lady's Honour and Love.

WHEN *Isabel* had gone thus far, she acquainted *Julio* with her Success, which he immediately thought wou'd turn to

his Advantage ; he went and renewed his Addresses to *Florella*, and tho' her Answer was no kinder than what she had given him before, he was not all dishearten'd, but seem'd assur'd that a little time wou'd make her yield to him, if it were only to be reveng'd on the inconstant *Theodore*.

FLORELLA, being now convinc'd, by his not visiting her, that *Theodore* was engag'd to another Lady ; resolv'd, as well to avoid the Shame of being forsaken, as the impertinent Sollicitations of a Man she hated, to go immediately to *France*, and spend the rest of her Days within the melancholy Walls of a Nunnery. *Isabel* would fain have perswaded her from her Design, and no Wonder, since all she had hitherto done, was of no use if her Mistress left *England* ; but *Florella* having fix'd her Resolution, all the artful Persuasions *Isabel* made use of to alter her Design prov'd ineffectual.

IN about three Days she began her Journey to *Dover*, but before she left *London*, she wrote the following Letter to *Theodore*.

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AFTER the Intimacy that has been between us, and such faithful Promises given on both Sides, notwithstanding your former Engagement which it seems you are now oblig'd to make good, you might have had Honour enough to take leave of me in a handsomer manner, and not have left me, without giving me any reason for such strange Behaviour. My Passion, however great, was not violent enough to make me do an Injury to the Lady you had first given your Heart to, especially when your Inclinations are so much in her Favour, but lest you shou'd think I have any Desires left ever to see you again, I shall, before you have read this, have got many Miles from London, having resolv'd never to return to a Place where I may chance to meet with the false Theodore.

FLORELLA.

As Isabel had engag'd to follow her Mistress, she sent a Letter before she set out, to let Julio know Florella's Resolution, telling him that she was going to Paris, where if he thought it worth his while to pursue her, she wou'd still remain his Friend, and use her utmost Power to engage Florella to his Arms.

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THEODORE had no sooner examin'd the Contents of *Florella's* Letter but he was like one distracted, his Passion, which he had hitherto conceal'd, now burst out, and he immediately declar'd his Love to *Guzman* and myself, shew'd us her Epistle, and begg'd our Assistance to unriddle the Mystery ; but alas ! in vain ; for as neither of us then knew any thing of the first part of the Amour, we cou'd not even guess at the reason of the Lady's Anger.

As for *Julio*, her Resolution gave him very little Pain ; for since he had satisfy'd his Revenge and prevented his Rival's Happiness, he sat down contented with the Loss, and never made any farther Enquiry after her.

WE us'd our utmost Endeavours to learn where *Florella* had fled to, and were a great while before we cou'd hear any Tidings of her ; at length we met with the Porter who help'd to move her Goods, and he inform'd us that her Effects were all gone to *Dover*, but whither she intended to go from thence he cou'd not tell.

GUZMAN

GUZMAN immediately said she was gone to *France*, and persuaded his Brother to make what haste they cou'd after her; for, besides meeting with *Florella*, in order to satisfy his Brother, he was glad of the Opportunity to change the Scene of his Pleasures, and divert himself among the *Beau Monde* in *Paris*.

My Masters having both of them Views of Pleasure, they quickly concluded upon going, and they began their Journey the next Day.

FLORELLA, by this time, had reach'd *Calais*, from whence she proceeded to *Paris*, where she met with several Ladies of her Acquaintance, who persuaded her to lay aside her *English* Dress, and take up the Mode of the Country she was in, which so disguis'd her that she appear'd quite a different Woman, so much that it was impossible for any one, tho' never so intimate with her in *England*, to know her again in that fantastical Habit; and, the better to conceal herself, she chang'd her Name of *Florella* to that of *Violetta*, by which Name I shall mention her in the remaining part of this History.

WHEN we came into *Calais*, we enquir'd at ev'ry House if they had seen such a Lady pass that way, and so all along the Road to *Paris*; they all agreed there had been such a one, and that they believ'd she was gone to *Paris*; this gave us new Life, and we pursu'd our Journey cheerfully.

WHEN we came to *Paris*, tho' we had trac'd her all along the Road, we cou'd not hear any Tidings of her; and 'tis not strange, it being so publick a Place, where People from all Parts resort daily, that when she had once mingled with the Crowd, she shou'd pass without Observation.

THEODORE now began to give over all hopes of ever seeing her again, which threw him into such a Fit of Melancholly, that his Brother cou'd scarce ever persuade him to go abroad with him, or take any of the Diversions of the Place. *Guzman* was highly delighted both with the People and their Manners; and as he knew his Stay there wou'd be but short, made the best Use of his Time, and got acquainted with most of the polite People of the Place; tho' an Accident happen'd

happen'd soon after that made him wish himself safe in *England* again.

As *Guzman* was walking in the *Tuilleries* one Evening with his Brother, he happen'd to cast his Eyes down, and saw a folded Paper, which he immediately imagin'd to be a *Billet Doux*, dropp'd by some careless Damsel ; when taking it up he read these Words :

NOW my Father is remov'd, nothing remains to obstruct our Happiness this Night, if you will come, shall crown our Loves. — I have a Priest ready. — Be under the Convent Wall at Ten o'Clock, and you will meet with your Helena.

It was directed to *Antonio*.

GUZMAN, who was fond of Adventures, especially where a Woman was concern'd, resolv'd to supply *Antonio's* Place, and go as the Letter directed. *Theodore* was much against it, and wou'd fain have persuaded him from so mad an Undertaking, telling him the Danger that might attend it ; for, said he, doubtless *Antonio* has read this Letter, and will obey its Summons, which, if he shou'd do, and find you upon the Spot, who knows but your Life may be the forfeit of your Folly. *Guzman*

man assur'd him there was not any Danger of that sort, for the Seal was not broke, when he first took up the Letter. *Theodore*, finding him obstinate, wish'd him Success, and left him.

GUZMAN was punctual to the Appointment, and waited under the Convent Wall as the Note directed; but not finding any Body come near him, he began to think it was a Trick, and grew weary of his Post, when just as he was thinking of going, he heard a Window open, and a Voice cry, Where are you, *Antonio*? Here, my Angel, reply'd he, full of Expectation; come to the Door, said the Voice, and I'll let you in; which he had scarce reach'd before he saw a Woman come out, who took hold of his Hand, and conducted him into a large and magnificent Apartment, adorn'd with Lustres and Furniture that seem'd to speak the Owner a Person of the first Quality.

WHILE he was indulging in his good Fortune, and pleasing himself, with the Thoughts of the fine Lady that was to meet him there, four Men rush'd in, who seiz'd and gagg'd him, and, without speaking the least Word, carry'd him by
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Force out of the House, and threw him into a Dungeon ; where, after they had loaded him with Fetters, they brought in a winking Lamp, which gave just Light enough to shew him the dismal Place he was in.

You may easily imagine the Confusion and Horror this Treatment threw him into, and in what uneasy Reflections he spent the remaining part of that Night.

THE next Day the Jaylor came in, and presented him with a Piece of hard Bread and a Mug of Water, telling him that was all he cou'd give him, unless he cou'd afford to pay for something better. *Guzman* begg'd he wou'd let him know what Crime he had committed to deserve such severe Punishment. The Man cou'd hardly forbear laughing at that Question, and was going away without making any Reply ; but *Guzman* pressing earnestly for an Answer, he then roughly said, Why don't you know you are sent here by *Helen*, whose Father you have barbarously murder'd, and then had the Impudence to make Love to her ; O you are a cruel Villain, and will, I hope, soon meet with your Deserts at the Gallows. My Master was going to convince him he was not
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the Person, when the Fellow lock'd him in, and refus'd to talk any longer with him.

GUZMAN finding this rude Fellow expected more from him than fair Words, was resolv'd the next time he saw him, to try the force of Money ; which had such a good and speedy Effect upon the ill-manner'd brute, that he immediately pity'd his Distress, and promis'd to use the utmost of his Power to relieve him ; my Master requir'd no other Favour of him than to acquaint *Helena*, that he desir'd to speak with her, having Affairs of the utmost Consequence to communicate to her, at the same time promising, that if he deliver'd the Message, and perswaded the Lady to see him, he wou'd double the Sum he had already given him.

THE Hopes of Gain made the Fellow very diligent to discharge the Business he was intrusted with, and succeeded so well, that the next Day *Helena* came as *Guzman* had desir'd. But how was she surpriz'd when my Master was brought to her, instead of the cruel *Antonio*, whom she expected to find there ; she immediately turn'd to the Jaylor, and ask'd him for *Antonio*, who told her, that was the
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the Gentleman who had desir'd to see her; and who was kept Prisoner there for depriving her Father of his Life. At hearing this, *Helena* was so surpriz'd, that she had not Power to speak for some Minutes; but when she a little had recover'd herself, she cry'd, alas! this is not he, but a Stranger whom I never saw before, and one whom by Mistake I have injur'd beyond Reparation.

HIS Fetters were immediately taken off, and *Helena* offer'd to make him any Satisfaction for the Scandal she had unwillingly thrown upon him; but *Guzman*, very well pleas'd he had obtain'd his Liberty, prevented the Lady making any farther Offers, and only desir'd since she had such an Inclination to oblige him, she wou'd give him an Account how *Antonio* came first to incur her Displeasure; she did not trouble him to ask twice, but immediately related the whole Affair.

ANTONIO, said she, is a Gentleman of *Spain*, who came hither to see the Place, and with whom I accidentally fell acquainted; I had not been often in his Company before he address'd me as a Lover, which, I must confess, did not at all displease me, for his Person

son and Behaviour were such as might entitle him to be well receiv'd by the best Lady in *Paris*. — He engag'd me so much in his Favour that I propos'd him to my Father; but he, being better acquainted with the World than I, was very unwilling I shou'd make him my Husband, saying, as he was a Stranger, it wou'd be difficult to know his Rank, or what Character he bore in his own Country, adding, that I run the hazard of throwing away my Person and Fortune upon an Impostor; this I told *Antonio*, and perswaded him to bring some Witness of his Quality, which wou'd immediately silence my Father's Objections.

THIS greatly incens'd *Antonio*, who instead of endeavouring to satisfy my Father's doubts as he promis'd me, in secret determin'd upon Revenge; and one Morning, as my Father was coming home, he stabb'd him in the Back, of which Wound he dy'd in two Hours. You may be sure his Death rais'd a general Consternation in the Family, nor cou'd any of us imagine who cou'd be the Author of this inhuman Action, 'till the Day after his Funeral, when I receiv'd a Letter from *Antonio*, in which he own'd himself the Murderer, adding, that I was
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now left to my free Choice, since my greatest Foe, (such he call'd my Father) was by his Hand remov'd.

THIS Letter, you may imagine, gave me the greatest Detestation for *Antonio's* Passion, and instead of Love, my Thoughts were all employ'd how to be reveng'd on him for my Father's Death ; I shew'd his Epistle to my Friends, and we consulted together how to get him into the Hands of Justice. At length it was agreed that the surest way wou'd be to send him a favourable Answer, make him an Appointment, and by that means deliver him up to the Laws of our Country. Accordingly I comply'd with their Advice, but how you came be in his Place, is what I cannot unriddle. Here *Guzman* interrupted her, and told her the Particulars of his finding the Note, and his Reasons for coming to the Appointment instead of the Person mention'd in it. This clear'd the Mystery, and they both agreed that the Messenger must have dropp'd the Letter, which was the Reason *Antonio* had escap'd the Justice they intended.

UPON this my Master and the Lady grew very intimate, and she gave him an
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Invitation to her House, where, she told him, she did not doubt but her Relations and Friends wou'd be as willing to atone for what he had suffer'd as herself.

DURING the time of *Guzman's* Confinement, *Theodore* was in no less Anxiety than his Brother, concluding from his not having seen him since he went upon this odd Adventure, that he had met with *Antonio* and was murder'd. *Theodore* was just going to make publick Inquiry after him, when *Guzman*, to his great Joy, came in and prevented him. You may be sure he told *Theodore* his Adventure, which, as it concluded happily, rather diverted him than otherways.

VIOLETTA by this time had gain'd so large an Acquaintance with People of the first Fashion, and was so well pleas'd with the Diversions of the gay World, that she had laid aside all thoughts of a Nunnery, and resolv'd to spend the remaining part of her Time in *Paris*: among the rest of her Friends, there was one *Justian*, a Gentleman of near fifty Years of Age, who was particularly fond of her: *Guzman*, who frequently met her at publick Places, was no less pleas'd with her Conver-

Conversation, but little thought it was the Lady whom his Brother came in search of, for he had never seen her before he came to *Paris*, besides his Brother's Mistress was call'd *Florella*, tho' she had now chang'd her Name to that of *Violetta*; *Guzman* had often spoke of her to his Brother, but he was taken up with the thoughts of *Florella*, and had such an Antipathy to what they call polite Conversation, that he, spite of all the Commendations *Guzman* had given her, never had Curiosity enough to see her.

ONE Day *Justian* invited *Guzman*, *Violetta*, and some other Friends, to a Party of Pleasure at *Versailles*, who all very readily attended him, except *Theodore*, who declin'd the Invitation, and rather chose to spend the Day in *Paris*.

WHEN the Company had tir'd themselves with walking 'till the Heat of the Day, they retir'd into an Alcove to enjoy the Pleasure of a little friendly Conversation; among other things *Violetta* ask'd *Guzman*, why they had not seen him for two Days past, which gave him an Opportunity to relate the whole Story of the Misfortunes he met with in personating of *Antonio*, which he told with so much

much Humour, and rally'd his ill Success in so ludicrous a manner, that not a Person present cou'd forbear laughing heartily at the Adventure.

THIS Story conduc'd so much to the Mirth of the Company, that the Ladies desir'd the rest of the Gentlemen to give an Account of their Adventures, but ev'ry one excus'd themselves except *Justin*, who told them he had once one of the most remarkable Amours in *Algiers* that they had ever heard ; but, continu'd he, I can't well relate it, unless I give a full Description of my Life, in which are so many Misfortunes, and melancholy Circumstances, that I am afraid they will rather make the Company dull than add any thing to their Diversion ; however, they insisted upon his telling it, which he did in the following manner :

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C H A P. XII.

An Account of Justian's being taken Prisoner, and the good Fortune he met with in his Confinement, with a happy Discovery.

I AM by Birth a Gentleman, was born in England, and had been Master of a very large Estate there, had not the Extravagance of my Predecessors squander'd it away; my Grandfather's Fortune was upwards of eight thousand Pounds a Year, but was so diminish'd before it came to me, by Gaming and other expensive Diversions, that when I had clear'd all Incumbrances it yielded little above five hundred a Year; a Sum nothing near sufficient to keep up the ancient Dignity of our House; however, by my Discretion and good Management, I made as honourable, tho' not as great a Figure, as my Ancestors had done before me: I marry'd a young Lady of Family and Virtue, by whom I had three Children, and shou'd in all Probability, have had many more, had not Heav'n taken her from me; but she dy'd in the
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very Bloom of her Life, nor did my Children long survive her, for all, except one Daughter, whom, I hope, is still well in *England*, follow'd their Mother in their tender Years.

TEN Years after, a near Relation of our Family, and one who had been very intimate with my Father, dy'd and left me four thousand Pounds as a Legacy, which Money I had a Mind to employ in Trade, accordingly (by a Friend's Advice, who let me a little into the manner) I dealt to *Turky* for Leather, which being a profitable Merchandize, and meeting with good Success, soon encreas'd my Stock very considerably; so much that I did not despair, in a few Years, to be able to leave my Daughter in Possession of as good a Fortune as any of my Predecessors had enjoy'd before me.

BUT finding some time after, that my Agents abroad did not send me so fair an Account as I expected; and having withal an Inclination to see the World, I resolv'd to go into *Turky* myself, and enquire into the Honesty of my Deputies; accordingly, I left my Daughter, who was now near fourteen Years old, in the
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Care of an Aunt, whom I also intrusted with my Estate, with Orders that she shou'd be furnish'd with every thing necessary to appear as my Daughter.

HAVING settled all my Affairs in *England*, I went on board a Ship ready to sail for *Morocco*; but here my good Genius forsook me, and gave me over to Trouble and Misfortunes; for we had not been ten Days at Sea before we were attack'd by two *Algerine* Corsairs; but as we knew Death wou'd follow our Submission, we resolv'd to resist them, and die Sword in Hand, rather than put our Lives in the Power of such Barbarians; accordingly, we prepar'd to give them Battle, and there was not a Man among us but behav'd bravely; in short, we made a stout Resistance for upwards of five Hours, 'till having lost the best part of our Men, the Number of our Enemies overcame us, who immediately boarded our Ship, and took myself and sixteen of my Companions Prisoners; as for the rest, they were all so wounded, and some quite dead, that the Barbarians did not think them worth securing, and threw them overboard.

I MUST confess, I envy'd their mild Fate, and wou'd gladly have follow'd them
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into the Sea, to escape the Hands of my inhuman Conquerors ; for I imagin'd we were preserv'd only to undergo the most cruel Torments they cou'd inflict ; but they shew'd more Mercy than I expected, for they only put us into Irons, and left us to bemoan our Condition, then sail'd with their Plunder directly for *Algiers*.

WHEN we were brought Prisoners into the Town, the Natives swarm'd about us, and seem'd highly delighted with our Misfortunes ; they carried us into a strong Building, where we were confin'd for eight Days, without any Support but the thin Diet of Rice and Water, which you may imagine was but little Comfort to Men who had been all their Lives us'd to the *English* way of eating.

THE ninth Day we were brought out and expos'd to Sale in the common Market ; this gave us dreadful Apprehensions of parting, since we did not know but each Man might find a different Master ; we no sooner appear'd but a great Number of Purchasers came about us, and four of our Company were bought immediately, of whom we took our leaves, and parted with the same Tendernefs as with a dying Friend, having no Prospect of ever Meeting
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ing again ; our Distress was so moving that it even affected our Jaylor, who had Commission to sell us, and no doubt had been us'd to the Business from his Infancy ; our Grief drew Pity from him, and when our four Companions were deliver'd to the Buyer, he bid us be comforted, for that he wou'd dispose of the rest to one Person, or not sell us at all ; and indeed he kept his Word, for several ask'd the Price of one or two of us (the youngest) but he demanded so much, that they went away to buy elsewhere.

At last, an elderly Man came up, and ask'd us in *Spanish* if we cou'd write, I being the only Person that understood that Tongue, answer'd him we cou'd ; at which he seem'd very well pleas'd, and after feeling our Ribs and examining us as they do Cattle in *Smithfield*, he agreed with our Drover (so I may call him) about the Price, and we were sent home to our new Master, where we no sooner arriv'd but we were set to work with the rest of his Slaves ; the Fatigue of our Labour, tho' very great, was a good deal alleviated by being together, since, when our Task was done, we had an Opportunity of conversing, and offering up a joint Petition to Heav'n for our Deliverance.

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OUR Master came ev'ry Day to observe his Slaves, and see how they proceeded in his Work, and if he found us the least difficult, was sure to punish us very severely for our Negligence; I had the good Fortune to perform my Business so well as never to fall under his Displeasure, but several of my Companions, who were less assiduous, felt the Weight of his Anger.

MY Care and Diligence pleas'd him so well, that he look'd kinder on me, and gave me more Liberty than he usually bestow'd on the rest of his Slaves; and one Morning, when he came to overlook us, he call'd me to him, and order'd me to follow him; this made me apprehend that I had some way offended him, for he had call'd out several of my Companions before, only to punish them for their Idleness, however, I was oblig'd to go, for I dreaded his Anger too much to disobey him.

WHEN I came into his House, he order'd me to sit down, and told me he wou'd take me from work, and make me his Friend, and further promis'd to give me my Liberty if I succeeded in the Business

ness he was going to set me about ; you may be sure this gave me no little Pleasure, and I return'd him Thanks upon my Knees, when raising me from the Ground, he continu'd thus ; I have at a little Distance from this Place, a House pleasantly situated by the Sea Side, whither I often go to partake of more retir'd Diversions than what this busy Part affords ; near that Place there lives a Lady more beautiful than any I ever yet saw ; she was born in *Italy*, and was brought hither by a Native of this Country, who took her Prisoner at Sea ; her Charms were so superior to the rest of his Slaves, that he refus'd to sell her, tho' many of the most considerable Men here made him large Offers for her. In short, he was so struck with her Beauty, that so far from treating her as a Slave, he provided for her in the grandest manner, gave her a Number of her Country Women to attend her, and has ever since kept her for his own private Pleasure ; but he is now dead, and has left his fair Captive in Possession of all his Fortune, I have lov'd her long, but cannot by any means persuade her to forsake her present Retirement, being, as I am told, resolv'd, to spend the remaining part of her Life in the same recluse manner, which her Benefactor first oblig'd her

to, nay, she seems to be quite avers'd to all of my Sex and Country : Now you, I am told, can speak the *Italian* Tongue, by which means you may easily make her believe you came from the same Place as herself, for, no doubt, she will be freer of Speech with one of her own Country, than with a Stranger ; and if you can but get into her Acquaintance enough to have an Opportunity of mentioning my Love, and prevail with her to make any return to my Passion, tho' it were but to admit me as a Friend, that I might enjoy her Conversation, I will reward you in so generous a manner as shall even exceed your Wishes ; I thank'd him for the Confidence he repos'd in me, and promis'd to use my utmost Power to engage her to his Arms ; at which he gave me his Hand, and bid me look upon him from that Moment not as my Master, but my Friend ; he then call'd some of his Slaves, whose Business was to attend upon his own Person, and order'd them to conduct me immediately to the Grotto (so he call'd his Country Retreat) bidding them obey me as their Lord, and do all the Services I shou'd require of them.

WHEN I arriv'd, I found it pleasant and magnificent, and furnish'd (according to the Fashion of the Country) in the most elegant manner ;

manner; behind it was a beautiful Garden, full of shady Walks, and adorn'd with many Fountains, whose Murmurs added much to the Pleasure of the Place.

BEING thus happily situated, I began to forget my Slavery, and was never in Pain, but when I remember'd my unhappy Companions, who were condemn'd to spend their Lives in Toil and Misery, but as it was not in my Power to relieve them, I cou'd only pity, and wish and pray for their Deliverance.

Soon as I was settled in my new Habitation, I began to consider in what manner to introduce myself to *Zaida*, (that was the Name of the Lady I was to solicit) for tho' we were very near Neighbours, and her Garden join'd to mine, she kept herself so retir'd that it was some time before I cou'd get sight of her. My Master sent several times to know what Success I had had, and I was forc'd to return him the unpleasing Answer, that I cou'd not see her, which gave me a great deal of Uneasiness, lest he shou'd think me dilatory, or slow and unfit for his Purpose, which might provoke him to send me back to my former Employment,

ment, and constitute some other Person in my room.

THE Apprehensions I had of his Anger, made me resolve to send her a Letter, accordingly I wrote to her in *Italian*, as from a Friend and Countryman, and under the same unhappy State of Slavery, as she was once reduc'd to ; this I propos'd to send her by some of the Slaves my Master had order'd to attend me, but an Accident happen'd that introduc'd it in a better manner.

ONE Morning, as I was taking the Pleasure of the Garden, I perceiv'd a Woman, walking to and fro in a shady Walk : one of the Slaves who knew *Zaida*, immediately inform'd me it was she : while I stood gazing at her, for I found her Beauty was nothing less than what my Master had describ'd it, a propitious Gale, that seem'd to favour my Design, blew a Veil that hung loosely behind her, just upon the Spot, where I was walking ; I immediately catch'd it up, and wrapping the Letter in it, gave it to her fair Hands ; my Compliments, and the Tongue I spoke in, made her believe I came from *Italy*, and she seem'd to express

press a great deal of Pleasure at meeting with one of her own Country, which gave me Hopes my Letter wou'd meet with the wish'd-for Success ; she had no sooner parted from me, but I saw the Letter as she was folding up her Veil, drop upon the Ground, which she took up and read, and then went into her House.

I RETIR'D and dress'd myself in a very rich Garment, which my Master had given me when he first sent me to this Place, and waited with Impatience for the Consequence of my Epistle ; but did not hear from her that Day.

THE next Morning a Messenger came and told me, it was his Mistress's Desire that I wou'd meet her about an Hour after, at the same Place where I had seen her the Day before, for she had something of Consequence to talk with me about ; you may be sure this gave me no little Pleasure ; and I was punctual to the Appointment. She no sooner saw me, but she began to enquire, who were my Parents, how long it was since I had left *Italy*, and ask'd me several Questions concerning some great Men of that Country, by which I imagin'd she was of no mean Extraction ;

answer'd her to every Point as well as the little Knowledge I had of the Place, wou'd admit me ; however, what I said, seem'd to satisfy her very well, and she desir'd I wou'd give her a particular Account, how I was made a Slave, and by what lucky Accident I had engag'd my Master's Favour so much that he shou'd place me in that happy Situation, so uncommon for Slaves to enjoy.

WHEN I had finish'd the Relation of the manner of myself, and my unhappy Companions being made Prisoners, I paus'd, not knowing how to tell the other part of my Fortune, nor the Reason why I was sent to the Place ; but *Zaida*, insisting I should proceed, I bow'd, and told her, that the Happiness and Ease which I now enjoy'd was intirely owing to her, and that my future Welfare depended upon her Good-nature ; this surpriz'd the Lady very much, and she begg'd I wou'd explain what I had said. As I thought this a lucky Opportunity to deliver my Message, I made no Hesitation, but freely told her of my Master's Love, and that I was station'd there because I understood the *Italian* Tongue, to let her know of his Passion ; *Zaida*, who had liv'd some time in *Italy*, and remember'd

member'd all the gallant ways the Cavaliers of that Country took to engage a Mistress, cou'd not forbear laughing, when I had told her the odd manner my Master had chose to introduce himself into her Favour ; but when her Mirth was over, and I press'd her for an Answer, she told me, that as she was not acquainted with the Gentleman, she did not think it proper to make any Reply at all ; but, continu'd she, I have no great Opinion of his Understanding, in sending one of my own Country to sollicite for him, since he may be sure, were I inclin'd to Love, I shou'd sooner give it to one whose Manners and Language I am acquainted with than a Stranger ; however, you may tell him, if he comes this way, I shall not refuse to see him, tho' I had rather he shou'd always plead by his Advocate ; at these Words she left me.

WHEN I came to reflect on what she had said, I found there was something misterious in her last Words, which my Vanity immediately constru'd thus, that she had rather have me for a Lover than my Master, and I own, her Beauty and Sense had so delighted me that I was not a little pleas'd to think she had a favourable Opinion of me ; but when I

consider'd the dreadful Consequence of turning Rival to my Master, I shudder'd to think what Punishments he wou'd inflict upon me for my Treachery, and I resolv'd to give up my Love rather than stand the Fury of his Anger ; but tho' I was so timorous, *Zaida* was more bold, and by a Device got me into her Power, without giving me time to prevent it.

I DISPATCH'D a Messenger to let my Master know of my Success, which he had no sooner heard but he came attended by a great Number of Slaves to visit her ; when I had introduc'd him, I left them together that he might make the best Use of the Opportunity, while I waited at home to know his further Pleasure : when the Conference was ended, he came out like one transported, and told me, he was the happiest of Mankind, by which I imagin'd *Zaida* had given him a kind Reception ; he presented me with a large Diamond, and promis'd I shou'd ev'ry Day taste of his Favours : but, continu'd he, I am no longer your Master, for *Zaida* has begg'd you of me, and you know at present I dare not refuse her any thing, therefore prepare immediately to attend her. This sudden Change surpriz'd me very much, for tho' I lik'd
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he Lady and her Conversation, I was loth to quit the pleasant Situation I was in, and of which I was intire Master, to be in the Power of the finest Woman in the World; but however disagreeable it was to me, as I was at his Disposall, I did not dare dispute his Pleasure, so went as he commanded me, to *Zaida*.

I FOUND my Treatment here no worse than what my old Master had given me; I had the whole Command of the Slaves, and they obey'd me as much as they did *Zaida* herself, my Food was the same as *Zaida's*, which was much relish'd by her Company. As we were always together we were soon very intimate, which, in a short time, grew into Love, and tho' she receiv'd my Master's Visits (which were very frequent) she told me it was intirely upon my Account, for that she hated and despis'd him, and wou'd never grant him any other Favour, than what he had already receiv'd, which was no more than the distant Enjoyment of sitting in her Company, and gazing at her for two or three Hours together. The Confidence she plac'd in me, and the Regard which upon all Occasions she shew'd for me, made me take the Liberty to sollicite her for greater Favours, which she did

did not receive with any Dislike, nor gave much Encouragement to ; but I pursu'd her so closely, and press'd her so often, 'till at length I won her to Compliance.

OUR Love went on without any Interruption for some time, and my old Master so far from thinking me his Rival, seldom came to visit *Zaida*, but he made me some rich Present to speak in his Behalf, still thinking I was as earnest in his Interest as before ; but an Accident happen'd that had lik'd to have open'd his Eyes, and discover'd the whole Affair between *Zaida* and myself.

A SLAVE beat one of his Fellows, without any Provocation, in a most barbarous manner ; the injur'd Man immediately flew to me for Redress, and I found, after a strict Enquiry, that the Complainant was innocent, and his Antagonist, who had wounded him so, the first Aggressor ; as I was willing to right the Injur'd, I order'd the other to be punish'd as he deserv'd. This so enrag'd the Fellow, that the next Day he made his escape, and went to *Abdallah*, my Master, (that was) and told him I had betray'd my Trust, that instead of forwarding his Suit, I did all I cou'd to prevent its growing
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to a Conclusion, and withal that I myself enjoy'd the Woman he had taken such Pains to compass; you may easily imagine what Effect this News had upon a passionate Lover, as he was; yet his Confidence in me was so great, since I had introduc'd him into *Zaida's* Favour, that he wou'd not give any Credit to this Tale, unless the Fellow cou'd bring some Proof to confirm what he had said; nay he threaten'd to punish him severely if he did not make good his Assertion. This put the Fellow's Brains to work to find out some way to convince my Master of my Treachery, accordingly he found means to speak with one of *Zaida's* Slaves, who was call'd *Omar*, and promis'd him a great Reward if he wou'd contrive to let him and my Master in when *Zaida* and I were in Bed together, that he might be satisfied he had told him nothing more than Truth; no wonder that the hope of Gain, which sways the whole World, shou'd have the same Effect upon *Omar*, and make him join with this Fellow to betray me in the manner he design'd. When he had engag'd *Omar* in his Interest, he went and inform'd *Abdallah* that he cou'd now give him the Proof he desir'd, and if he wou'd

go with him the next Night, he wou'd carry him where he shou'd see us in Bed together ; this alarm'd *Abdallah* very much ; yet he wou'd not believe it 'till he had seen what the Man said he cou'd shew him.

OMAR, whom I had often shewn favour to, repented the next Day of what he had promis'd, but it being now out of his Power to prevent, came and told me all he had done, begg'd I wou'd disappoint their Search, and turn the intended Mischief upon the wicked Slave that had seduc'd him.

I IMMEDIATELY inform'd *Zaida* of the Danger that threaten'd us, who was in the utmost Horror at the Thoughts of the Consequence of such a Discovery ; for tho' it cou'd not affect her, she being out of his Power, and entirely at her own Disposal ; yet as I was once his Slave, he wou'd make no Scruple of taking me from her by Force, and putting me to the most cruel Torments the Malice of Revenge cou'd possibly invent.

ALL we cou'd do in this Exigence was to lie asunder that Night, and disappoint *Abdallah* of the Proof he expected ;
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accordingly we went to rest in separate Chambers, without taking any Notice, or shewing the least Suspicion of the Design that was to be put in Execution that Night.

ABOUT the fourth Hour, when all was wrapt in Sleep, I heard a great Bustle as I thought under my Window, when looking out I saw *Abdallah* attended by a Number of Slaves, crossing the Garden and going directly towards the Apartment where *Zaida* lay, which they had no sooner reach'd but they burst open the Door and went in, which so alarm'd the Lady that she scream'd out most terribly; as I knew the Cause I took no Notice, but resolv'd to lie still and let them end the Affair by themselves; *Abdallah* not finding me there, as he expected, fell down and begg'd Forgiveness on his Knees, which she swore never to grant, 'till he had told her the reason of his disturbing her at that unseasonable Time; he, being willing to calm her Anger at any Rate, immediately related the whole Affair, and offer'd to make any Satisfaction for the the Injury he had done her; *Zaida*, immediately turn'd her Vengeance upon the Slave, who had first betray'd her, and desir'd *Abdallah* to punish him

him severely for the Error he had caus'd him to commit ; which he made no scruple of doing, and in the most cruel manner, for, without speaking a Word, he drew his Ponyard and kill'd him on the Spot, then order'd the Body to be thrown into the Sea, which being done, he left her to repose, greatly troubled at what he had done.

THE Danger being over, I began to be a little easy ; yet I cou'd not help reflecting on my unhappy Condition, since it was in the Power of ev'ry Slave to interrupt my Pleasures, and expose me to the Rage of the Barbarian in whose Power I was ; besides, I imagin'd this Accident wou'd make the *Turk* jealous, and tho' I had escap'd now, he might some other Time intrap me when I least suspected his Design. These Apprehensions grew more dreadful ev'ry Day, and turn'd my whole Thoughts how to get out of the Danger ; I communicated my Fears to *Zaida*, and told her the great Inclination I had to return to *England*, where we might enjoy our Loves without the Dread of being separated, or any Apprehensions to make it less agreeable. *Zaida* seem'd very willing to bear me Company, but did not think

think it possible to get safe from *Algiers*. I desir'd her to leave that to me, since I was sure, I cou'd find the means, and conduct the Business in such a manner as shou'd make us happy for ever.

WHEN I had got *Zaida's* Consent, I went to *Omar*, in whom I plac'd some Confidence since the late Service he had done, and after swearing him to Secrefy, told him my whole Design ; he was somewhat surpriz'd, but promis'd to assist me as far as he was able, provided I wou'd take him with me into *England*, which I gave him my Word I wou'd do. He told me there were several of his Fellow Slaves who wou'd be glad to leave *Algiers*, if they cou'd but get an Opportunity ; these I bid him first speak to, and told him, that if they wou'd engage in my Interest, I wou'd convey them to any Place they shou'd desire.

IN about three Days after *Omar* came and told me he had gain'd eight Slaves, who were bold honest Fellows, and wou'd be hearty in my Design ; these I thought sufficient for our Purpose, and therefore warn'd him not to discover it to any more, lest he should light upon a Villain who might frustrate all we had done.

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Our next Business was to get a Saick, or small Vessel to convey us, this we found very difficult, for tho' we cou'd easily have purchas'd one, yet it wou'd raise a Suspicion in the People, who might lay wait for us, and prevent our Escape; while we were considering what to do, *Omar* hit upon a Project that answer'd to our Wish.

ABDALLAH, when he visited *Zaida*, often came in one of the Vehicles we wanted, and *Omar* propos'd that when he came next, to get his Slaves into the Garden, while part of our Men seiz'd on his *Saick*; in the mean time two of our Party shou'd be plac'd in the Apartment where *Zaida* us'd to receive the enamour'd *Abdallah*, who, at a Signal given, shou'd bind, gag, and leave him, while we made our Escape. This Scheme seem'd very easy of Execution, and I resolv'd to depend upon *Omar*'s Conduct for the Success; accordingly he summon'd all our Party, and gave them their Instructions how to proceed, which they all faithfully promis'd to observe; my Business was to prepare *Zaida*, who, upon hearing I had gone so far, pack'd up all her Jewels, and what other things of Value that were easy of Carriage, to be ready for Flight; every thing
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being manag'd in this manner, we only waited for *Abdallab's* coming to compleat our Design.

IT was not many Days before he came, and in the manner we desir'd, he was immediately conducted into *Zaida's* Presence, while *Omar* went and prepar'd the Slaves for the Execution of our Design ; six were plac'd ready to take Possession of the *Saick*, as soon as they saw the others come on shore, while two were waiting near the Chamber Door, ready to rush in when I gave the Signal. *Omar* then went and invited the Crew to Land, telling them he had got some delicious Fruits to entertain them with ; they cou'd not resist his Offer, and all, except three who were left to look after the *Saick*, came off with him, and those he promis'd to send some on board to.

THEY were no sooner got into the Garden but I gave the Sign for the two Men to secure the *Turk*, which when they had done, *Zaida* and the rest of our Party went into the Boat, and row'd directly on board. The three Slaves that were left, seeing the Lady coming towards them with nine Men, were so surpriz'd

surpriz'd that they stood like Images, but we soon mov'd them, and ty'd them fast to the Stern of the *Saick*, threatening to murder them, if they made the least Noise or Resistance. The Wind blew fresh, and it was not long before we lost the Shore; being now out of Danger, we began to consider what Port to put in at; for we had not any Provision more than what each Man had procur'd for himself, which in the Hurry and Fear we embark'd in, cou'd not be sufficient for a long Voyage; so we e'en resolv'd to land at *Marseilles*, and taste the free Air in the *French* Dominions.

WHEN we were safe at Land, I ask'd *Omar* and the rest of his Companions, by whose means I had gain'd my Liberty, how I shou'd reward them, when *Omar* told me they desir'd no other Recompence than the *Saick*, and a little Money to buy them Victuals for twenty Days, which I immediately granted, and gave them besides to the Value of fifty Pounds, lest they shou'd want more Provision by the way; this done, I wish'd them good Success, and the next Day *Zaida* and I began our Journey towards *Paris*.

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SOON as I came into *Paris*, I made *Zaida* my Wife, which was a Piece of Justice I thought myself oblig'd to do, she having been the entire Cause of my Preservation ; but, alas ! Fortune soon divided us, for this Air and Diet, which she had so long been unus'd to, had such an unhappy Effect upon her, that she dy'd in a few Days after her Arrival in *Paris*, which shock'd me more than any of my past Misfortunes ; her Form was so engaging, her manner so agreeable, and her mind so virtuous, that I cannot think of them without regretting their Loss. Thus *Justian* ended his Story, when *Violetta*, who had observ'd him all the time with a particular Attention, and tho' all the Company were touch'd with his Misfortunes, she seem'd most sensible of them ; she ask'd him, if he had never heard from his Daughter, whom he slightly mention'd at the beginning of his History, but took no further notice of her afterwards ; he told her, he hop'd she was well in *England*, whither he design'd to go in a Week's time, and enquire after her ; *Violetta* wou'd not be satisfy'd with this Answer, but ask'd him several more Questions, which seem'd to say she had a particular Interest in inquiring ; at last she

she ask'd her Name, when *Justin*, told her, she was call'd *Florella* ; at which she fell from her Seat, without the least Signs of Life, to the great Surprize of all that were present : *Justin*, who was most affected with the Accident, was the first to give her Relief, when looking among her Trinkets that hung by her Side for something to smell to, he perceiv'd the very Seal which was his Wife's, and which he had given *Florella* before he left *England*. He had no sooner cast his Eyes upon it, but he cry'd out it is, it is my Daughter, my dear *Florella*, whom Fortune has sent to cheer my Age, and bless my latter Days with Happiness : his Voice recall'd her straggling Senses, and flying into each others Arms, they mingled Tears in a dumb Scene of Joy.

GUZMAN, who had been a silent Spectator of this Wonder, immediately imagin'd this was the Lady his Brother had fought so long ; and without saying the least Word he left the Company, mounted his Horse, and flew to *Paris*, to acquaint him with all he had heard. You may easily imagine the surprizing Joy this News gave *Theodore*, who hasten'd on the Wings of Love to meet his dear *Florella* ; it wou'd be needless to repeat the
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Extasy he was in at seeing her, since any one may paint it in their Thoughts, from the foregoing Circumstances, much better than I can describe it. *Florella*, so far from making the least return of Love, accus'd him with his past ill Conduct, and what more incens'd her was, she thought he had left the Lady, he was engag'd to, to follow her; while *Theodore*, surpriz'd at this Behaviour, cou'd not help upbraiding her for deceiving him, and being guilty of the same Baseness she accus'd him of. This Mystery so confounded and enrag'd them both, that they had parted for ever, had not *Isabel*, who now repented of what she had done, stept in and discover'd the whole Affair, which she had no sooner done, but returning Love, stood confess'd in both of them, while a mutual Softness, peculiar to Lovers, shone in ev'ry Glance.

THE next Day *Theodore* was married to *Florella*, who was now better pleas'd with her Choice than ever, since it had the Sanction of a Father's Approbation; when the Ceremony was over, and they had taken Leave of their Friends, we all return'd to *England*, when the first News I heard was my Father's Death, as I before related to you.

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C H A P. XIII.

*Phillippo falls in Love : the Success
he met with, with several comical
Passages.*

WHEN *Phillippo* had finish'd his Discourse, I ask'd him when he design'd to leave *Dublin*, for my Scholars were now so diminish'd that it was not worth my while to stay any longer there ; besides, I was quite weary of the Place, for since I had got a little Money I long'd to be in *London* again, that Nursery of Pleasures, to spend it. He told me, that the Moment he had finish'd his Business, which he believ'd a Week wou'd compass, he wou'd go with me to *England*, having as great an Inclination as myself to be within the Smell of *Covent-Garden*.

PHILLIPPO delay'd the Time of embarking so long, that I began to be very uneasy, for since my Business was over, the Place grew dull and insipid, and every Day seem'd an Age 'till I left it ; yet I was loth to go without my
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Friend, especially when he promis'd me every Day, that shou'd be last of his staying there ; yet for all what he said, I found him as unready to go now, as he was the first Hour he came ; and tho' I saw him every Day, took no farther notice of it ; which gave me a Suspicion that he was engag'd in something of more Consequence than what I knew of. In short, when I found him so unwilling to leave *Ireland*, I took the Liberty to ask him what was the Business that detain'd him there so long ; which I perceiv'd he did not much care to tell me ; but upon my pressing him very much, after a great many Evasions he freely told me the whole Reason of his not going to *England* so soon as he design'd.

I AM (said he) at this time violently in Love with a Lady of this Place, and tho' she is a married Woman, have some Reason to believe she receives a good deal of Pleasure in my Addresses, I don't doubt but I shall obtain my Ends ; but as she is a great Coquet, I believe it will be some time first ; her Husband is no less fond of my Company than the Lady, and always entertains me very civilly ; and what is stranger still, they both like me for the same Reason, which is, for

flattering her Beauty and Accomplishments, for he is so proud of his Wife, that he never looks upon a Man as his Friend, unless he admires her.

THIS Love of *Phillippo's* did not please me at all, for by the Description he gave me of her, I did not know but her Vanity, tho' not her Virtue, might hold out a ten Years Siege, and I was in too great a hurry to be in *England*, to allow him so much time to dangle after a Coquet.

SINCE he had let me into the Secret, he told me from Day to Day how his Suit advanc'd, and by the Account he gave me of her Behaviour, I cou'd not find he was a Bit nearer his Point than he was the first Hour he set out ; the Conduct of this Lady was so particular it rais'd in me a Curiosity to see her, which my Friend was very willing to satisfy, being desirous to have my Opinion of her Beauty, and to judge whether the Freedom she allow'd him was not sufficient to encourage his Hopes ; accordingly, one Day he took me with him, and introduc'd me to her as his Friend and Companion.

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WHEN I came in I saw a flaunting gaudy young Woman, who seem'd to have a great Inclination to appear gay, but had so mistaken the Road, that she was quite mad, instead of looking like a Woman of Fashion, well dress'd and genteel; she put me in mind of a Milliner's Shop hung with Ribbons and Necklaces. As soon as she saw *Phillippo*, she ran to him, and hitting him a Pat upon the Cheek, cry'd, Oh! you ill-natur'd Devil, we waited three Hours for you last Night to play at *Quadrille*, but I suppose you had got with some of your Bottle Companions, and never thought of us. Madam, said he, you wrong me, for you are always in my Mind. Ay, reply'd she, and I wou'd have you always in my Sight; this my Friend took for Love, and wink'd at me, lest I shou'd not take notice of it. We then sat down to drink Tea, and my Friend began to tell her how charmingly she look'd, took her by the Hand, and sometimes wou'd make free with her Lips, which she suffer'd without the least Opposition, while the good-natur'd Husband sat by, and seem'd highly delighted with my Friend's Gallantry; at last, upon *Phillippo's* repeating his rapturous Kisses, a Lady at Table, who was of a more

prudish Disposition, cry'd to to the Husband, Lord, Sir, this Man is enough to make you jealous, which was the cause of a loud Laugh, tho' I believe, if I had been the Husband, I shou'd have been more serious upon the Occasion ; but the Lady took an Opportunity of rebuking her Friend, and saying, in a little sort of a Huff, Madam, I thought you had a better Opinion of my Deary's Sense than to imagine the Liberties I allow *Phillippo* cou'd make him jealous. No, no, reply'd he, I am too well acquainted with your Virtue than to think you wou'd do any more behind my Back than what you do to my Face; this turn'd the whole Conversation of the Company upon Virtue, which was so dull and insipid, that when the Tea was over I left them ; but my Friend staid and spent the remaining Part of the Evening there.

I HAD no sooner got by myself, but I began to reflect upon this Woman's Behaviour, and as I had seen a good deal of the World, and had before met with some of these free Ladies, I must confess I cou'd not immediately conclude as a Person less experienc'd wou'd have done, that she had an ill Design. I rather imputed it to her Ignorance. There
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are a Set of Women that think themselves strictly virtuous, because they never yet granted the last Favour, and upon the Strength of that take Liberties, and behave in a manner the most common Prostitute might be asham'd of ; they receive Letters from Men, and admit them at their Toilets, go with them to all publick Diversions, where they won't scruple to give them Liberties that must attract the Eyes of the whole Assembly, and all for the dear Pleasure of being flatter'd ; but I wou'd have the Ladies consider that at the same time they indulge their Vanity, they blast their Reputation ; for the World will be apt to imagine, when it sees them make so free in publick that they are more so when they are less observ'd ; and indeed, what else can be suggested from such extravagant Behaviour ? There is a Dress which true Virtue always wears very different from the Prude and the Coquet, peculiar to itself, and that is Decency, without which she makes no Figure ; but like a fine Woman, who has not the Accomplishments proper for her Sex, loses half her Beauty.

WHEN I saw *Philippo* next, the first Question he ask'd me was, how I lik'd his Mistress, and what I thought of her

Behaviour ; I fairly gave my Opinion and told him, I believ'd he wou'd never compleat his Design, and that the Liberties she gave him, were rather owing to her Vanity, than to any other Passion ; withal advising him to drop the Pursuit, and go with me to *England* ; but he was still obstinate, and, instead of taking my Advice, laugh'd at my Ignorance, and told me I did not understand the Sex ; however, seeing me so impatient to be gone, he promis'd that the first Opportunity, he wou'd bring matters to a Conclusion, and at once convince me of my Ignorance, and satisfy his own Desires.

PHILLIPPO being almost angry that I wou'd not believe the Lady's Behaviour, was the Effect of her Passion for him, was very eager to compleat the Affair ; but not being lucky enough to hit upon the critical Minute he had lik'd to suffer'd severely for his Presumption.

As he had the Privilege of the Toilet, and frequently visited the Lady in a Morning, when she was in her Disabille, he took an Opportunity one Day when she was alone, to make a vigorous Attack upon her Virtue, and push'd it with all his Force, being pretty confident she
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wou'd make but small Resistance ; but how was he surpriz'd when he found she made use of her utmost Power to prevent his Design ; which not being sufficient to oppose him ; she made such an Outcry that alarm'd the whole Family, who immediately ran to her Assistance ; any one may easily imagine the ridiculous Figure my Friend made in this Confusion, especially when he saw the Husband come full of Rage to sacrifice him upon the Spot ; which he wou'd certainly have done had not *Phillippo* had Recollection enough to draw his Sword and defend himself ; the Husband, not being very fond of fighting, told him he wou'd not revenge the Injury himself, but apply to the Law for Satisfaction ; and after ordering him to leave his House, withdrew to comfort his Lady. *Phillippo*, you may be sure, did not stay long after him, but made the best of his way out, very well pleas'd that he had escap'd in a whole Skin.

PHILLIPPO came to me that Evening, and told me in a great Hurry, that if I was ready he wou'd imbark with me immediately for *England* ; this sudden Alteration surpriz'd me very much, for it was but two Days before, that I try'd

all the Arguments I cou'd think of to persuade him to go, and he absolutely refus'd me. I ask'd him if he had any Quarrel with the Lady, that had so unexpectedly alter'd his Resolution of staying in *Ireland*; he told me, no, but he had consider'd of what I had said to him, and believ'd I was right in my Judgment, and that he was determin'd not to dangle after her any longer.

HOWEVER plausible this Story might seem, I had a Suspicion that some unlucky Accident had put my Friend in this violent Hurry. While I was considering how to find it out, I happen'd to cast my Eyes upon his Hand, and perceiv'd it was burnt in a most terrible manner, and when I ask'd him how it came, he made so many Hums and Haws, and was so loth to answer me, that he alarm'd my Curiosity, and I resolv'd to know the Truth, which *Phillippo* endeavour'd all he cou'd to conceal, but finding I was obstinate, he told me the whole Story, as I before related it, only with this Addition, that the Lady, when he began the Attack, was curling her Hair with a pair of hot Pincers, which, upon his attempting to put it in an improper Place, she apply'd
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to his Hand, and wounded him in the manner I saw. As I had always had a bad Opinion of his Amour, I cou'd not help laughing at the Catastrophe, but my Friend desir'd I wou'd take another Opportunity to indulge my Mirth, and make use of the present to convey our Goods on board, for that he had enquir'd and found a Ship ready to sail that Night, and was resolv'd to go with it, being very apprehensive that the good Man, wou'd prosecute him for the Injury he had done his Wife.

ACCORDINGLY we went hard to work, and pack'd up our Cloaths, &c. and got them on board by Ten o'Clock, which was an Hour before the Captain propos'd to sail.

Soon as we began to sail, we went to Bed, not desiring to wake 'till we were safe on t'other Side, but about four o'Clock we were disturb'd by the most terrible Storm I had ever heard, and being but a young Sailor, expected every Moment wou'd be my last; and to add to our Distress, we were both so sick that we cou'd scarce hold up our Heads. There was a Woman on board who was so frighten'd with the Tempest that she had plac'd herself

upon her Knees in a Corner of the Cabin, to pray, where she made such a terrible Outcry, that it gave double horror to the to the Scene ; but as good Luck wou'd have it, my Friend *Phillippo* soon stopt her Mouth, for as she was roaring and casting her Eyes to Heaven, the reeling of the Ship threw him directly upon her, and his Stomach heaving at the same time, he cover'd the poor Penitent all over, who was so enrag'd at his ill Manners, that as soon as she recover'd her Speech, she abus'd him most outrageously : *Phillippo* had not Power to answer her, but continu'd Puking 'till I thought the poor Creature wou'd have been smother'd. This Scene forc'd me to laugh, tho' I was as sick and as much frighten'd as either of them. The Storm continu'd all the next Day, and it was with the greatest Difficulty we landed the third Morning, and sure Men were never better pleas'd than when we found ourselves safe upon our native Shore.

CHAP.

C H A P. XIV.

Of our Arrival in England. The Company we met with, with a pleasant Adventure at the Inn.

WHEN we had return'd Thanks to Heaven for our Deliverance, and refresh'd ourselves with some good Meat and a Bottle, we enquir'd what Vehicle we cou'd have to carry us to *London*, being resolv'd not to rest 'till we had reach'd it. We were inform'd the Stage-Coach went out the Day before, and upon asking the Master of the House, if he cou'd let us have a Coach or Chariot to ourselves, he told us he had but one in the House, and that he had lett to a Gentleman and Lady who were going to *London*; but said he, as they are but two, perhaps he may let you go with him, which will be full as convenient as if you had the whole Coach to yourselves. This Proposal agreed very well with us, since it wou'd answer our End, and be much cheaper than any other Carriage we cou'd at present procure.

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WE immediately dispatch'd our Landlord to know whether the Gentleman wou'd admit us into his Company, who was not long before he return'd, and told us he prevail'd with them to grant our Request; but, continu'd he, be sure you behave yourselves very soberly, or he'll leave you upon the Road; for he is a formal old Fellow, and has lately married a very young Wife, of whom he is so jealous, that he's ready to run mad if a younger Man than himself does but look at her; and I was forc'd to tell him you were both marry'd, and very discreet, before he wou'd suffer you to go with him.

THE Oddness of this Man's Temper made me curious to know more of him, which the Landlord perceiving, gave the following Account of him.

THIS Gentleman, said he, is very rich, and has large Possessions in this Part of the Country, but is so stingy and ill-natur'd, that he was never known to do a good Action in his Life: the Father of the Girl, whom he has married, was a Farmer near this Town, who dy'd about three Months ago, very much in Debt; this greedy old Fellow (his Landlord) upon
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the News of his Death, immediately came down and seiz'd all the poor Man had left, for his Rent, and turn'd the Widow and her Daughter out of Doors ; they made use of all the means they cou'd think on to move his cruel Heart to moderate their Sentence, which for a great while were ineffectual ; but in the End the Girl's Tears Beauty, and modest Behaviour, engag'd the old Fellow's Affections so much, that he cou'd no longer deny her any thing she requested of him : in short, he promis'd to give the Widow a Discharge in full, and restore all he had taken from her, provided the Daughter wou'd consent to marry him ; you may easily believe, the Mother us'd all her Power to persuade her Daughter to a Match, that seem'd so much for their Advantage, the Girl having the natural Vanity of her Sex, and desiring to be made a fine Lady, immediately came into the Proposal, without ever considering the Misery she must go thro' when join'd to such a disagreeable old Dotard : the Wedding was soon compleated, and all the poor Woman's Effects return'd to her as he had promis'd.

THE old Man has liv'd ever since he was married, which is above a Month,
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in this Part of the Country, but his Lady having a great Inclination to see *London*, has perswaded him to carry her thither, which, tho' he has consented to, has rais'd in him such a jealousy, that he is almost distracted if she is absent from his Sight a Moment.

OUR Landlord had scarce finish'd, when a Message came from the Gentleman to know if we were ready, for that he intended to set out in half an Hour, tho' we had not sufficiently rested ourselves since the Fatigue of our Voyage, we were so impatient to see *London*, that the old Gentleman's haste was very agreeable, and we sent Word that we only staid for him, upon which the Horses were immediately order'd to be got ready, and we began our Journey about Twelve o'Clock at Noon.

Soon as the old Gentleman saw us, he saluted us very civilly, tho' I believe it was but a forc'd Compliment, for I cou'd perceive by his Looks that he did not think we answer'd the Character our Landlord had given him of us, and of course was not very well pleas'd with our Company ; and, to mend the matter, my Friend *Phillippo*, as soon as he saw the Lady, handed

handed her into the Coach, and made her a thousand fine Speeches, which so enrag'd the Husband that I expected every Moment when he wou'd bid us get out ; but upon my nudging him, he recollected what sort of Company he was in, and desisted from his Compliments ; however, the old Gentleman was so chagrin'd at what he had already said, that he did not speak a Word the whole Day ; and as for his Wife, she durst not open her Mouth without his leave, so that we were oblig'd to keep Silence 'till we came to Dinner ; where my Friend, being quite weary of Taciturnity, made Use of his Tongue in a most extraordinary manner ; he began with asking the Landlord if there were any Whores in the Neighbourhood, telling him that he had been three Days at Sea, and was in such Necessity, that if he cou'd procure him a pretty Wench, he wou'd give her twenty Guineas for half an Hour's Conversation. This made the old-Fellow stare as if he was Tunder-struck, which my Friend perceiving, apply'd himself to him in these Words ; Sir, I don't wonder at your being surpriz'd at the Violence of my Inclinations, but if you wou'd consider you'd find it was your own Case, before you was married ; now indeed, I don't wonder

der that you are alter'd since you have got a Wife, in whom all the Charms of Womankind are united ; and if I was so blest, I shou'd never think of any of her Sex besides. This Compliment of my Friend's had a very ill Effect upon our Companion, for it made him so jealous and uneasy, that he wou'd scarce venture his Wife in the Room with us, tho' he sat by her all the while, but his Caution produc'd a Scene afterwards that made us laugh heartily ; the old Gentleman's Suspicions were so strong, that from the time we got out of the Coach, he never once left the Room, and having drank pretty freely at Dinner, had great need of Evacuation, but rather chose to endure the Pain, than leave his Wife with us, while he went to ease himself ; but as we pursu'd our Journey, the Motion of the Coach so encreas'd his Agony, and being resolv'd not to trust his Wife out of his sight, he e'en made free with his Breeches, which we soon perceiv'd by the Deluge that came into our Shoes. The old Gentleman was in a great deal of Confusion when we took Notice of it, and for some time was not able to make an Excuse ; but when he was a little recover'd he told his Wife, that she had sat upon the Bottle of *Hungary* Water she had
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in her Pocket and broke it ; my Friend at this awkward Evasion, burst into a loud Laugh, and putting his Nose down, cry'd Zounds, it is the worst *Hungary* Water I ever smelt in my Life. Ay, Sir, said he, the Perfumers are such Rascals that they fill a Bottle with any nasty Stuff, put a Label upon it, and then pass it upon us for the genuine Spirit. The Lady all this while was in the utmost Confusion, and was ready to swoon at the beastly Ill-manners of her Husband ; we cou'd have diverted ourselves much longer with his Folly, had it not been in Complaisance to the Woman ; for she express'd so much Concern, and was so ashamed, that in pity to her we desisted from making any farther Inquiry, and return'd to our former Silence.

ABOUT eight o'Clock we ended our Day's Journey, which had been very tedious, by reason of the disagreeable Temper of our Companion, tho' I cou'd have been well enough pleas'd to have travel'd all Night with his Wife, for she was very pretty, and had the wholesome Country Red upon her Cheeks, which I prefer to the pale sickly Beauties of a Court ; nor do I doubt but her Conversation wou'd have been as charming as
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her Person, had it not been for the Restraint her old Dotard but upon her.

SOON as Supper was over my Friend and I retir'd into another Room, and diverted ourselves with a Bottle and our own Conversation 'till Twelve o'Clock, when we went to Bed in hopes of a good Night's rest, which I believe he enjoy'd, but I was disturb'd by the most agreeable Accident, that ever Fortune invented to make a young Fellow happy.

THIS old Gentleman and his Lady lay in the next Chamber to mine, which, I believe he wou'd not have done had he known either of us had been so near him; however, Fortune so order'd it, and gave me an Opportunity to revenge the Affront he had put upon us in the Coach; the Affair was thus:

ABOUT Four o'Clock in the Morning the old Fellow, having a pressing Occasion, was oblig'd to rise to go into the Yard, which he made no Scruple of doing, because all the People in the House being in Bed, he had not any Apprehensions of leaving his Wife alone. Now, when I went to Bed, having but little to lose, I took no Care about the Door,

Door, but left it half open, and the old Fellow did the same by his, when he went down Stairs; but when he return'd, his Eyes being but indiff'rent, he mistook the Door, and came directly into my Chamber; as I happen'd to be awake, it did not at all surprize me, especially when by the Light that came in at the Door, from a Lantern that hung in the Entry, I saw who it was; I determin'd to take no notice, but lie still and see what his visit meant. I must confess I thought very ill of the old Gentleman, and imagin'd by his coming to me at that unseasonable Hour, and in his Shirt, that he had some bad Design upon my Person. When he got into the Room he pull'd off his Coat, and came into Bed, where turning his Back upon me, he grunted for about a quarter of an Hour, and fell fast asleep. This Behaviour surpriz'd me very much, and after a great many Conjectures, I concluded that he walk'd in his Sleep; this put a Thought in my Head, which was, that he had left his Wife alone, and that while he took his Nap, I might very safely go and supply his Place, and whatever Obstacles might be in the way, the hopes I had of enjoying that fresh, sweet Creature, gave me so much Pleasure, that I
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 what it wou'd ; accordingly, I stole softly
 out of Bed, and went into the Entry,
 where I perceiv'd the Door of the next
 Room stand half open ; I went without
 making any Noise, and peeped in, lest
 I shou'd mistake too, and get to Bed
 to a wrong Person ; but the first thing
 I saw was the Lady's Gown hanging up-
 on a Chair, which was enough to convince
 me I was right ; this encourag'd me to
 pursue my Scheme, and without any He-
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 the first Sound that saluted my Ears was
 her sweet Voice, crying, Are you not
 coming to Bed, my Dear ? Lest she shou'd
 discover me by my Speech, I made no
 Reply, but a Grunt, being pretty well
 assur'd by his Behaviour in the Coach,
 that he seldom made a more tender
 Answer to her most endearing Expres-
 sions ; and, I believe, I guess'd pretty
 right, for she did not seem at all sur-
 priz'd at my Behaviour, but settled her-
 self again to sleep ; but when I had got
 into Bed, I caught her in my Arms, and
 took immediate Possession of her Charms,
 which the kind Lady, not suspecting the
 Fraud, return'd with all the Ardour I
 cou'd desire.

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WHEN I had a little allay'd the Fury of my Passion, I began to think that if I did not retire, the old Man might wake, and discovering his Mistake, come and find me with his Wife, which I was loth he shou'd do for the sake of the Woman. This Consideration made me resolve to fly, tho' with the utmost Reluctance, for her Person was so sweet, and her Behaviour so engaging, that I cou'd have dwelt for ever on her Lips ; accordingly I got up, thinking to withdraw with the same Secresy I came ; but by this time the Sun (that Enemy to stolen Joys) had so illuminated the Chamber, that the Lady perceiv'd the Deceit, and starting up in her Bed, wou'd have rais'd the House, had I not run to her, and on my Knees begg'd her to be silent, telling her what bitter Consequences wou'd attend her discovering this Affair, that her Husband, being of so jealous a Temper, cou'd not by Circumstances, be convinc'd of her Innocence, that he wou'd ever after suspect her Virtue, and double the Confinement she at present liv'd in ; then press'd her in my Arms, with all the Rapture of an unsated Lover, and swore to keep the Pleasure she had given me that Night a Secret to all the World,

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if she wou'd but be pacified, and not expose herself : This Promise a little calm'd her Rage, and I doubt not, but a few more Arguments wou'd have made me entire Master of her Heart ; but hearing a Noise in the Entry, I was oblig'd to fly, least it shou'd be the old Man coming to his Wife.

I WENT directly into my own Chamber, where I found the poor Husband still snoring, without once dreaming of what had happen'd in the next Room ; soon as I had got into Bed, I thought it wou'd be proper to wake my old Friend and inform him of his Error, which was difficult to do, for when I first jogg'd him he grumbled, and seem'd very loth to stir ; I believe he thought it was his Wife, and guessing for what reason she disturb'd him, was willing to sleep on, to avoid Trouble ; at length I made such a Noise that he started, as if a Cannon had gone off at his Ear ; and jumping out of Bed, was in the utmost Confusion at seeing me instead of his Lady ; as soon as he cou'd speak, he ask'd me who I was, and how I came there ? I answer'd, I shou'd rather ask you that Question, since I am in my own Room, and you are not. Bless me ! cry'd he, in the greatest Surprise ! being
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half asleep when I went down Stairs I have mistook the Room ; Sir, (continu'd he) I hope you will pardon this Intrusion, since it was not done with any Intent to disturb — He was going on with his Excuses, when I interrupted him, and begg'd he wou'd not give himself any more Trouble, but retire into his own Chamber, lest he shou'd catch cold by standing so long in his Shirt ; after much Ceremony he took my Advice, and left me to spend the remaining part of the Morning by myself.

WHEN he was gone, I try'd to compose myself to sleep, which I cou'd not do, for thinking on the dear Creature I had so lately enjoy'd ; I cou'd not bear the thought of that old superannuated Fellow keeping Possession of so valuable a Treasure ; but as she was his Property, and out of my Power to wrest from him, I was forc'd to be contented with the little Share I had so fortunately obtain'd.

THE next Morning the old Gentleman was full of Compliments for the Disturbance he had given me, and told my Friend, and the rest of the Company that were in the House, what a monstrous Mistake he had made, while the
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young Lady was all Confusion, and cou'd not meet my Eyes without Blushing for what had pass'd ; and yet methought she discover'd a secret Satisfaction that pleas'd me to Soul.

THIS Accident diverted us very well during the time of Breakfast, which being over, we got into the Coach and pursu'd our Journey ; I took particular notice of her Behaviour all the way, being willing to discover whether she lik'd me well enough, to encourage me to pursue her, when I came to *London* ; but her down-cast Eyes, and modest Carriage, gave me but small hopes that she wou'd ever consent to an Interview. However, I took an Opportunity after Dinner, when her Husband stepp'd out of the Room, to press her by the Hand, and beg of her to let me know where I might see her in *London* ; her Answer was a sudden Blush, and ere I cou'd persuade her to give a better, the old Gentleman came in and oblig'd me to desist.

NOTHING remarkable happen'd during the rest of our Journey, for on the fourth Day we reach'd *London*, where after paying for our Passage, we took leave of our old Companion and his fair Wife.

CHAP.

C H A P. XV.

*Of our Arrival in London, and the
ill Fortune of Captain Pike.*

PHILLIPPO and I had no sooner got over a Glass of Wine, but I told him my Adventure with the Lady, which I had hitherto conceal'd lest he shou'd drop any Word, or take such particular notice of her, as might have shock'd her Modesty, but since she was now out of his Sight, I let him know the Truth, which struck my Friend into Amazement, and made him envy me the Happiness I had enjoy'd.

BEING fatigu'd with our Journey, we sat at the Tavern 'till Twelve o'Clock, then sent our Portmanteaus, and went to Bed at the Bagnio.

The next Morning *Phillippo* told me, he wou'd go and look for a Lodging, at the same time saying, he was resolv'd I shou'd live with him, and share his Fortune; this Proposal made me pause a

little, being unwilling to depend entirely upon another's Bounty, since I had experienc'd by Captain *Pike*, and several other People, the frail Assurance of Friendship: *Phillippo* was a Man of Honour and Worth, which always appear'd in his Readiness to assist the Distress'd; but as we have all our Faults, I did not know what odd Humours and Caprices I might be oblig'd to bear, when I had thrown myself so much into his Power. What Usage did I take, and how was I treated by the Captain, and all because I was oblig'd to him? *Phillippo*, perceiving I made no Answer to what he had offer'd, desir'd I wou'd tell the Reason; which I fairly did, and laid before him how inconvenient it might one time or other prove to us both, and concluded with telling him, that if he had a mind to do me any Service, he shou'd lend me a Sum of Money to purchase me a Place, which I wou'd repay at so much a Year, according to what my Income was.

THIS he readily came into, but I thought seem'd a little displeas'd that I had not Opinion enough of his Friendship to accept of his first Proposal.

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As we walk'd out in search of a Lodging, who shou'd I meet under the Piazza but an old Servant of Captain *Pike's*, who accosted me in a very complaisant manner, and express'd much Pleasure at seeing me appear so well in Health and good Circumstances; the Fellow had been always very civil to me, even when he knew I was a Dependant upon his Master, which is very uncommon, for the Generality of Servants, are so rude to their Master's poorer sort of Acquaintance, that the Object of a Gentleman's Bounty now a-days, earns hardly his Benevolence by being oblig'd to bear the Insolence of his Servants. The Fellow's Joy at seeing me, oblig'd me to stop and talk with him. Among other things I ask'd him, if he still liv'd with Captain *Pike*? Yes, Sir, (reply'd he) with a Sigh, 'till within these two Months; and, I believe had still been in his Service, had not the Captain met with an unlucky Accident that depriv'd him of his Life: This News, tho' I had resolv'd never to look upon him as my Friend again, or hold any Correspondence with him, shock'd me prodigiously, and made me impatient to know the Particulars of the Captain's Fate; which the Man said, he

could give a full Account of ; accordingly, he and *Phillippo* went with me into the next Tavern, where he gave me the following Relation.

THE Captain having made an Acquaintance with a Gentleman of great Birth and Fortune (whom I shall call *Varro*) was frequently invited to dinner with him, where there were seldom any other Company than *Varro*, his Sister, and a young Gentleman, who courted her, and who had partly obtain'd her Consent.—The Lady (whom I shall call *Celia*) was a beautiful young Woman about eighteen Years old ; had a great deal of Wit and Spirit, and a Freedom in her Conversation that engag'd the Approbation of ev'ry Man that saw her. The Affair between her Lover and she being pretty near a Conclusion, she us'd to often rally him, and treat him with all the Familiarity of an Intimate ; while on the contrary she always met the Captain with the utmost Reserve and Complaisance.

THE Captain had not been long acquainted in the Family before he fell violently in love with this Lady, and was so much blinded by his Passion as to stake her Good-nature and Freedom to her
 Lover

Lover for Contempt, and her distant Respect to him for a sudden Inclination to his Person. The Captain's Vanity was so tickled with this foolish Supposition, that he immediately resolv'd to put on the Lover, being well assur'd, that the first mention of his Passion wou'd exclude the young Gentleman for ever from the Lady's Heart. — Accordingly he took every Opportunity to hint his Design, which she, not suspecting the Captain of so much Vanity, never took the least notice of, but still continu'd her Good-nature and Affability to the young Gentleman her intended Husband, and the same Civility and Distance to the Captain, which he imputed to her Modesty, and in order to avoid shocking her, he determin'd to write her a Letter, and acquaint her with the Violence of his Passion; accordingly he put his Design in Execution, and wrote to her with all the Fire and Extasy of an enamour'd Hero.

ONE Morning as the Lady, her Brother, and her Lover, were at Breakfast, the Letter came to her Hands, which she had no sooner read, but she was turn'd almost into Stone with the Surprise; she read it over and over, and cou'd scarce believe the Truth of what

she saw, but having a little recollected herself, she burst into such an excessive Fit of Laughter, that struck the two Gentlemen into the highest Admiration; her Brother begg'd her to reveal, and let them share in the Diversion; but finding she was quite incapable of telling it, her Brother took the Letter out of her Hand, and read it to her Lover, who were no less diverted than the Lady with the old Coxcomb's Vanity.

WHEN their Mirth was a little abated, *Varro* said he wou'd find the Captain out, and severely reprimand him for his Presumption, and forbid him visiting his House any more; but the Lady begg'd he would desist, and not make a serious Affair of it, for she cou'd make it produce them a great deal of Mirth, and mortify the poor Captain more with seeming to be pleas'd with his Addresses than any other Resentment possibly cou'd do. At the Lady's Intercession they both promis'd not to take any notice, but leave it to her Discretion to manage as she thought proper.

THE Captain told her, in a PS. to his Letter, that he wou'd wait on her in the Afternoon when he hop'd the
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frank Declaration he had made of his Passion wou'd encourage her to be more open. — Accordingly, the Lady dress'd herself in the gayest manner, in order to receive her new Gallant, but engag'd the two Gentlemen to stay with her.

AT the time appointed the Lover came, and seeing the Lady so finely dress'd, was satisfied he was right in his Suggestions, and that she had put on those Ornaments the more to engage his Affections; *Varro* receiv'd him with the same Complaisance that he was wont to do. When Tea was over, the Lady begg'd them to play a Party at Quadrille, which they immediately consented to; but when they sat down, every one was for having the Lady for a Partner, 'till at last the Dispute rose so high, that, not being able to determine it among themselves, they all agreed the Lady should chuse her Partner; which they had no sooner propos'd but she fix'd upon the Captain, who took it for a convincing Mark of her Esteem.

DURING the whole time of Play, the Captain took every Opportunity of meeting the Lady's Eyes to languish, sigh, or give some pathetick Token of his Passion.

which often gave the Gentlemen an Occasion to laugh heartily.

THE Captain, in about four Hours, had work'd himself into such Extasy, with gazing at and ogling the young Lady, that he began to be very uneasy, not having any Prospect of an Opportunity to receive the Lady's Confession of her Passion; however, he was forc'd to contain himself, lest he should discover the Affair to the rest of the Company, and staid 'till near Twelve o'Clock; but *Varro* never leaving the Room, he was oblig'd to depart without advancing the Business he came about.

THE next Morning he came again to visit her, but found her engag'd in the same manner as the Night before, and as little Hopes of having a private Conference with her; however, the Lady being impatient to ensnare him deeper, tip't the Wink to *Varro* and her Lover to leave her and the Captain together, with they immediately obey'd.

THEY were no sooner gone but the Captain made a fine Speech, and begg'd pardon for the Liberty he had taken in writing to her, but hop'd the Violence
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his Passion, wou'd plead his Excuse. — He was going on when the Lady interrupted him, telling him she was not at all displeas'd, but begg'd that he wou'd not talk any more of the Affair now, because her Brother was in the next Room, and might possibly overhear him; but if he cou'd contrive to get into her Chamber about Nine o'Clock that Night, she wou'd take an Opportunity to discourse freely with him. The Captain urg'd it wou'd be impossible for him to get into her Chamber, without being discover'd by the Servants, and that might greatly injure her Reputation; which of all things (continu'd he) I wou'd preserve. At this Instant, *Varro* and his Friend, who thought they had given them time enough, were coming into the Room, and the Lady had just time to enquire where to direct, and promise to send a Note to him with proper Directions, that very Evening; when the Company came in the Captain took his leave, and went away very well satisfied.

THE Place where he expected to receive his Orders was a Coffee-House in *Covent-Garden*, where the Captain walk'd impatient of the Summons; about Six o'Clock the Letter came, and in it were

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Directions, that he shou'd immediately dress himself in Woman's Cloaths, take a Band-box under his Arm, and at Nine o'Clock come and enquire for *Celia*, and her Maid wou'd be ready to conduct him into her Chamber, where she wou'd receive him. — This Letter was wrote by *Celia*'s own Hand, according to the Directions of *Varro* and her Lover.

THE Captain approv'd this Scheme prodigiously, being assur'd it wou'd bring him to his Wishes, and in such a romantick manner as wou'd double the Pleasure. — The only Difficulty was how he get a Dress, he being a large Man, it was not easy to find Petticoats long enough to cover his Knees. — After a great deal of Consideration, he remember'd he formerly had an Acquaintance with a Lady of the Town, who was at present in pretty good Circumstances, and possibly might have a spare Gown and Petticoat, (which is a Happiness very few of those Ladies can boast of) he immediately took a Chair, and apply'd himself to this Woman, who for a small Sum, furnish'd him compleatly.

By that time he had agreed for his Cloaths it was time to repair to the Place appointed

appointed ; so he e'en stripp'd, and metamorphos'd himself at the Lady's Lodging: soon as he was dress'd, a Chair was call'd, and he set forward to *Celia's* ; but alas ! how was the poor Lover disappointed ! for he had not got to the End of the Street, before the Chair was stopp'd by two Bailiffs, who immediately open'd the Door, and haul'd out the poor Captain (having watch'd him out of that Woman's Lodging, and taking him for her) arrested him for thirty Pounds, which he, being asham'd of his Dress, and loth to own who he was, cou'd not resist, but rather chose to own himself the Person he was not, and submit to be carry'd to the Bailiff's House, than confess the Truth.

WHEN he was lock'd up close Prisoner, he had time to consider what course to take ; the first thing he did, he sent for me, and you may be sure I was not a little surpriz'd to see my Master in that Dress, and melancholly Condition. — He fairly told me the whole Story, and made me promise never to reveal it to any one, which Promise I have faithfully kept 'till this Hour, and shou'd have still been silent, had not the Consequence prov'd so fatal ; when he
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had ended, I burst out into a loud Laugh, which made the Captain rather merry than angry, since the Circumstances were so odd, and his Figure so ridiculous, that it was impossible to be acquainted with them, and keep a serious Face.

HE thought of many ways to extricate himself out of this Trouble, but cou'd not find any, without letting another Person know of the Affair, which he had determin'd, if possible, to avoid.—At last, he sent for the Officer up Stairs, and told him, that he was mistaken in his Prisoner, for that he was a Man, and his Name was *Pike*, and had only borrow'd those Cloaths, for a Frolick; the Officer seem'd astonish'd at what he said, and was easily convinc'd of his Error, tho' he cou'd not help laughing at the Mistake no more than I; however, he begg'd the Captain's pardon, and releas'd him, and upon my Master's giving him a couple of Pieces, he promis'd never to let any Body know of the Accident.

By this time it was near Twelve o'Clock, and of Course too late to go to his Appointment, which was no small Mortification to him.—However, he was glad he had obtain'd his Freedom, without

out any farther Noise; and lest any worse Consequences shou'd attend his Disguise, he got into a Chair, and went back to the Lady, who lent it him; but when we came, we found the Doors lock'd, and tho' we thunder'd at the Door for above half an Hour, cou'd not gain Admittance, which oblig'd the Captain to go to his Lodging in that Pickle; but lest any of the Family shou'd see him, he waited in the Chair at the Corner of the Street, while I went home and sent the Maid, who sat up for us, to Bed, that he might come in unobserv'd.

THE next Day I was sent with great Secresy to carry the Woman's Petticoats home, and fetch my Master's Regimentals; but when I came to the House, and inquir'd as I was directed, how was I amaz'd when I receiv'd for Answer, that the Lady the Night before, hearing there were a Number of Actions against her, and dreading the Misery of a Jail, had pack'd up all she had in World and made off.

As the People of the House cou'd give me no farther Account of the Lady, I was oblig'd to return to my Master
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with the Petticoats, and acquaint him with what had happen'd.

WHEN the Captain saw me again with the same Bundle that I carry'd out, he look'd like one amaz'd, but when I told him the Reason I thought he wou'd have gone distracted. — I did what I cou'd to moderate his Passion, and bid him consider that tho' he had lost his own Coat; he had the Lady's Gown, &c. in lieu of it, which wou'd serve him very well at a Masquerade, or to carry on some Intrigue in; this Consideration a little pacified him, besides, he began to think the Lady, for whose sake he had run thro' all these Difficulties might again appoint him in the same Dress; tho' with a Sigh he told me, he had but little Hopes, since he had been so unfortunate to baulk her the first time.

THE Captain remain'd in great Anxiety all the Morning, considering what Excuse to make to the Lady for disappointing her. — About Four o'Clock he went to visit her, who receiv'd him very coldly, and pretended to be much affronted at his not coming according to his Promise. — And indeed it was a great Disap-

Disappointment to her, and to *Varro* and the young Gentleman, who were all at home impatient of the Diversion they expected from the Captain's ridiculous Disguise. — However, as *Celia* had a Mind to give him another Opportunity of exposing himself, she was easily wrought upon to forgive him ; upon Condition that he wou'd not again fail her at the same Hour that Night in the same Disguise ; the Captain, you may be sure, made no Scruple of promising, but went away determin'd to be punctual.

WHEN the time appointed came, the Captain once more bedeck'd himself in his female Attirement, took his Band-box under his Arm, and went directly to *Celia's*. — When he came, he was met by the Lady's Woman, who immediately conducted him into *Celia's* Chamber, where she waited to receive him. — The Captain had scarce laid down his Box, and began his Compliments, before he was alarm'd with *Varro* and his Friend coming up Stairs ; *Celia* express'd the utmost Confusion at this sudden Surprise, and to prevent the Captain being discover'd, crowd'd him into a Closet, which she had scarce done before *Varro* came into the Room.

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THEY staid above two Hours, while the poor Captain was almost stifled in his Confinement; for, to make it more disagreeable to him, they had perfum'd the Closet where he was conceal'd so strong, that the poor Captain cou'd scarce breathe; however, as he had Hopes that *Celia* wou'd get rid of them as soon as possible, he bore it for three Hours with great Patience; — but *Varro*, instead of thinking of going, order'd Supper to be brought into that Room, which they were no sooner sat down to, but the Captain finding it impossible to bear any longer, call'd out for help, chusing rather to expose his Folly than die like a Hero. — They immediately started up, and pretending the utmost Surprise, released the poor Captain from his Prison. — He no sooner appear'd, but a general Laugh saluted him; — but *Varro*, put on a serious Face, and pretending to know nothing of the matter, ask'd who that Woman was, and how she came hid in that Closet, which gave *Celia* an Opportunity to tell the whole Story, which she did with a great deal of Wit and Humour, while the dejected Captain stood confounded with his Shame; when they had all had a Fling at him, and had laugh'd him heartily

tily out of Countenance, they left the Room, and gave him an Opportunity to steal of.

THE Captain came home and storm'd like a Madman, vowing revenge upon *Varro* and all his House ; I try'd all I cou'd to compose him, but in vain, for he swore he wou'd never rest, 'till he had the Blood of *Varro*, or his happy Rival.

HE went out directly, and did not return all Night ; I made it my Business to enquire for him, but cou'd not hear any Tidings of him, 'till the next Day, when Word was brought, that meeting *Celia's* Lover in a Coffee-House he drew upon him ; and the young Gentleman in the Scuffle had the Advantage, and run him thro' the Body before any one cou'd come to prevent it.

THUS did the Captain lose his Life for a Jest, which I think shou'd be a Warning to all Men of Humour, how they run too much upon their Friends, since every Body cannot bear the harmless Disgrace of being laugh'd at, but immediately think their Honour injur'd, and proceed to Violence.

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WHEN the Fellow had ended this Relation, I gave him a Crown and parted, tho' the means of the Captain's Death made me very uneasy, nor was my Friend *Phillippo* less concern'd at his ill Fortune.

C H A P. XVI.

The lucky Discovery I made, and my Marriage.

WE took a Lodging in *James-Street*, *Covent-Garden*, where we liv'd together for some time, and took all the Diversions that Scene of Pleasure can afford; tho' I had still an Eye to the main Chance, and enquir'd ev'ry Day, in hopes of finding some snug Place to my Mind. In about five Months I heard of one in the Custom-House; both the Business and Income of which pleas'd me very well, and after a great many Meetings with the Person who had the Disposal of it, I agreed with him for five hundred Pounds, Part of which my Friend lent me, and which I engag'd to repay at one hundred Pounds a Year.

I WAS now in better Circumstances than I had ever been before, since my Place was a Settlement for my Life, and not to be squander'd away by any of the Follies I had hitherto been so apt to run into ; tho' I took my Pleasure still, but with the Gravity of a Citizen, and never let them intrude upon my Business; and that I might not be seduc'd by the Witchcraft of Dice, I made a Resolution never to play at Hazard again.

WHILE I was transacting this Affair, my Friend *Phillippo* was indulging himself at all the publick Places, and making Love to ev'ry Woman he saw. One Night when I came home, he told me he had been at the Play, and had there seen the very Lady that had come up with us in the Coach ; this surpriz'd me greatly, and I curs'd my ill Stars for not going myself.—Nay, said he, you cou'd not have spoke to her had you been there, for her old jealous Husband was with her, and kept a watchful Eye upon ev'ry one that came near them ; but, continu'd he, you have done him some Service, for she is big with Child, which, I believe, was got when the good Man was asleep.

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THIS News almost distracted me, and made me more impatient to see the charming Creature; but as I knew neither her Name, nor where she liv'd, it was impossible to find her, unless I cou'd by Accident meet her at some publick Place, as my Friend had done. Accordingly, I went ev'ry Night for above half a Year to the Play-Houses, but without seeing the Object I desir'd, 'till one Night gazing about, I cast my Eyes upon a Lady in the Side Boxes, whose Face I thought I had seen before, and upon Recollection found it to be the lovely *Leonora*, whom I fell so passionately in Love with at *Chester*, and whose Image I had still carried in my Heart. This was an unexpected Happiness, since I never thought to see her again, and believ'd, that long e'er this, she was arriv'd at *Cadiz*, where she told me she had left her little Family, and whither I was determin'd to follow her; but Fortune prevented me, to let me have the more surprizing Pleasure of meeting her again in my own Country.

THE Difficulty now was how to make myself known to her, for tho' her Beauty had at first Sight made such an Impression upon me, that Time cou'd not efface;
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yet as she was not at all touch'd with the same Passion, I fear'd it wou'd be hard to make her recollect me; however, I was resolv'd to try, and to that End, went into the Box where she sat; soon as I appear'd she turn'd round, and looking hard at me, immediately a Blush o'er-spread her Face, which gave me no little Pleasure, for it convinc'd me she remember'd who I was. When the Act was done, she got up, and ask'd me very kindly how I did, which so transported me, that I had scarce Power to answer her.

I SAT behind her all the Evening, and she frequently spoke to me, and express'd as much Satisfaction at seeing me, as the Place wou'd admit of.

WHEN the Play was over, not having any Company but another Lady, I offer'd my Service to see her home, which without any Ceremony she very civilly accepted of.

WHEN I came to her Lodging (which was in *Pall-Mall*) I wou'd have taken my leave, not thinking it decent to presume any farther upon a Lady of her Virtue, and modest Behaviour; but she insisted that I shou'd stay and sup with her,

her, saying, she had a mind to hear a little of my Fortune, since she saw me last ; you may be sure a few Words made me consent to stay with Company that was so agreeable to me.

WHEN Supper was over, *Leonora*, desir'd I wou'd tell her what Success I had met with in *Ireland*, and the reason of my returning so soon ; I gave her as satisfactory an Account as I cou'd of ev'ry thing she wanted to know. When I had ended my Story, Madam, said I, pray give me leave to question you in my turn, since I shou'd be glad to know how you came to remain so long in *England*, for when I saw you at *Chester* you told me you did not think of staying above a Month in this Country ; and what surprizes me very much is, that you can bear to be so long absent from your Children, whom, as you said, you had left behind you at *Cadiz*.

SIR, said she, smiling, you must have but an indifferent Opinion of me as a Mother, if you imagine I cou'd leave those dear Infants so long without seeing them ; but, I believe, you will not think so hardly of me, when I inform you that I intend to spend the remaining
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part of my Life in *England*, and that my Family has been with me here above half a Year. *Leonora* seeing me surpriz'd at this News, went on thus; you may remember my Business at *Chester* was to settle some Affairs that my deceased Husband left in the Hands of a Merchant of that Place, which I thought at farthest a Month wou'd compleat; but when I came to talk with him, I found it so intricate that it wou'd take much more time than I at first intended to spend here. In short, I staid almost twelve Months in *England*, in which time I came to *London*, and visited most of the noted Places in the Kingdom, which gave me such a liking to it, that I resolv'd to remain here as long as I liv'd. Accordingly I sent one, who was formerly an Agent for my Husband to dispose of my Effects at *Cadiz*, and bring over my Children to *England*, which Commission he executed with Honour and Integrity.

THIS Proceeding of *Leonora's* pleas'd me very much, since I now flatter'd myself I should have frequent Opportunities of conversing with her, which in time might initiate me into farther Favours.

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ABOUT Twelve o'Clock I took leave of *Leonora* and her Companion ; but before I went she gave me an Invitation to dine with her the next Day, saying, that as she had not made any Acquaintance with my Sex, she thought she cou'd not chuse a better Companion than myself, being almost assur'd of my Honesty and good Behaviour.

THIS Inclination for my Company, and the Praises she bestow'd on me, flatter'd my aspiring Hopes so much, that I began to think it cou'd not be hard to gain her Affection.

Each time I saw her, which was almost every Day, my Passion increas'd, and her Good-nature and Freedom, made me hope she was not insensible of, nor displeas'd at it ; but not to tire my Readers with a long Account of my Courtship, and the Conversation that pass'd between us, (which I know must be dull) I will only say, that I follow'd her for upwards of a Year, and she look'd upon me as her most intimate Friend, 'till at last I discover'd my Passion to her, which she heard without any Surprise ; and her Answer was such as neither threw me into
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Despair, nor added much to my Hopes.
I now appear'd before her as a Lover,
and made use of every Opportunity to im-
prove my Interest in her Heart.

As she was a Woman of too much
Sense, to take delight in the little Flat-
teries, a Lover generally bestows on his
Mistress, it was not long before she let
me know her Resolution: one Day when
we were at Dinner, she spoke thus, Sir,
in all our Conversation, you have never
let me know your present Circumstances,
whether you have any Fortune, or by
what means you appear so genteely.
My Heart leap'd at this Question, since
it look'd as if she had consider'd what I
had said to her, and was now going to
give me an Answer. I was resolv'd not
to deceive her, lest it shou'd occasion any
Disputes when we were nearer related,
therefore I told her the whole Truth of
my Circumstances, of my Place, and the
Money I ow'd *Phillippo*, which I had no
sooner done but she gave me her Hand,
saying, I am yours for ever; and at the
same time told me, that she had enquir'd
into my Affairs, and knew them all be-
fore she had ask'd me, only was willing to
find whether I had a Design to deceive her
but since I had made such an honest Declara-

tion, she thought she cou'd not bestow her Person and her Fortune better.

TREMBLING with Extasy upon my Knees, I took her by the Hand, whilst every Vein confess'd the growing Pleasure.

I WENT immediately to find my Friend, and acquaint him with my good Fortune ; when I came, he was gone out, but had left word that if I wanted him he should be at a Tavern hard by ; being impatient to let him know my Success, I went thither and enquir'd for him. When I came in I found him in Company with a very gay young Lady, who, as soon as I appear'd, colour'd, and wou'd have gone out of the Room, had not my Friend prevented her. Seeing the Lady did not care for my Company, I took *Phillippo* to the Door, and told him the Business I came about, which gave him no less Pleasure than if it had happen'd to himself. When I had done, I wou'd have taken my leave, lest I shou'd offend the Lady, but my Friend insisted I shou'd stay and sup with him, that he might have an Opportunity of wishing me Joy, and without any farther Ceremony led me into the Room, where taking particular Notice of the Lady, I began to think I had seen her before

before, and her Confusion, and Desire to leave the Company confirm'd me in my Opinion; yet not being able to recollect who she was, I took no notice; but her Concern increasing, I ask'd *Phillippo* in *French*, who she was, and he told me he did not know, but by Accident pick'd her up in the Piazza, and brought her thither to spend the Evening.

I HAD not been an Hour in her Company, before I perfectly remember'd who she was, and found her to be the deceitful *Dorathea*, who was the first occasion of my Ruin, by tricking me of all my Money at *Bath*; I immediately got up, and calling her by that Name, drank her Health, which she had no sooner heard but she fell down upon the Floor; this was a convincing Proof I was not mistaken in the Person.—My Friend was no less surpriz'd than the Woman, and had scarce Power to ask the reason of this sudden Alteration; I told him who she was, and offer'd to go out, with Design to call a proper Officer to secure her; but *Phillippo* conjur'd me by Friendship not to stir 'till she was enough recover'd to answer for herself; with much ado we brought her to Life. When I began to accuse her with the Injury she had done.

me, she fell upon her Knees, confess'd the Fact, and told me it was not a Scheme of her own forming, but an Invention of the two wicked People she was engag'd with, who pass'd for her Father and Mother; and that she had never been a Penny better for what I had lost, for that the Moment they came to *London*, her cursed Companions made off with the Booty, and left her to dispose of herself as she pleas'd, adding, that she had been forc'd to walk the Streets for a living ever since.

THIS Story, with my Friend's Persuasions, wrought so much upon me, that my Anger turn'd to Pity, and I forgave her; but I believe I shou'd not have been so easily prevail'd on, had not my late good Fortune transported me beyond the thought of Revenge.

IN two Days after I was married to *Leonora*, who put me into Possession of two thousand Pounds, which is the least part of my Happiness, since her Person, Temper and Behaviour, are more difficult to be met with, and more amiable than her Fortune.

PHILLIPPO, and I still live in Friendship, but are not so frequently together, since our Pleasures now lie different ways.

THUS have I given a true and impartial Account of my Life, and leave it to my Readers to censure or applaud as they think fit; but I think the Accidents I have related may convince 'em of the uncertainty of human Happiness; and make them cautious how they confide in either Man or Woman, without a thorough Trial of their Honesty, for tho' I made many Friendships, I found, in my Necessity, but few Friends; and withal, wou'd have my Readers be warn'd from my Example, not to depend upon those capricious Devils, the Dice, since most that do will find Ruin the Consequence, or say they should be successful there's generally such a Curse attends the Fortune gain'd that way, as will let it contribute but little to their Happiness.

F I N I S.